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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF DIXFIELD

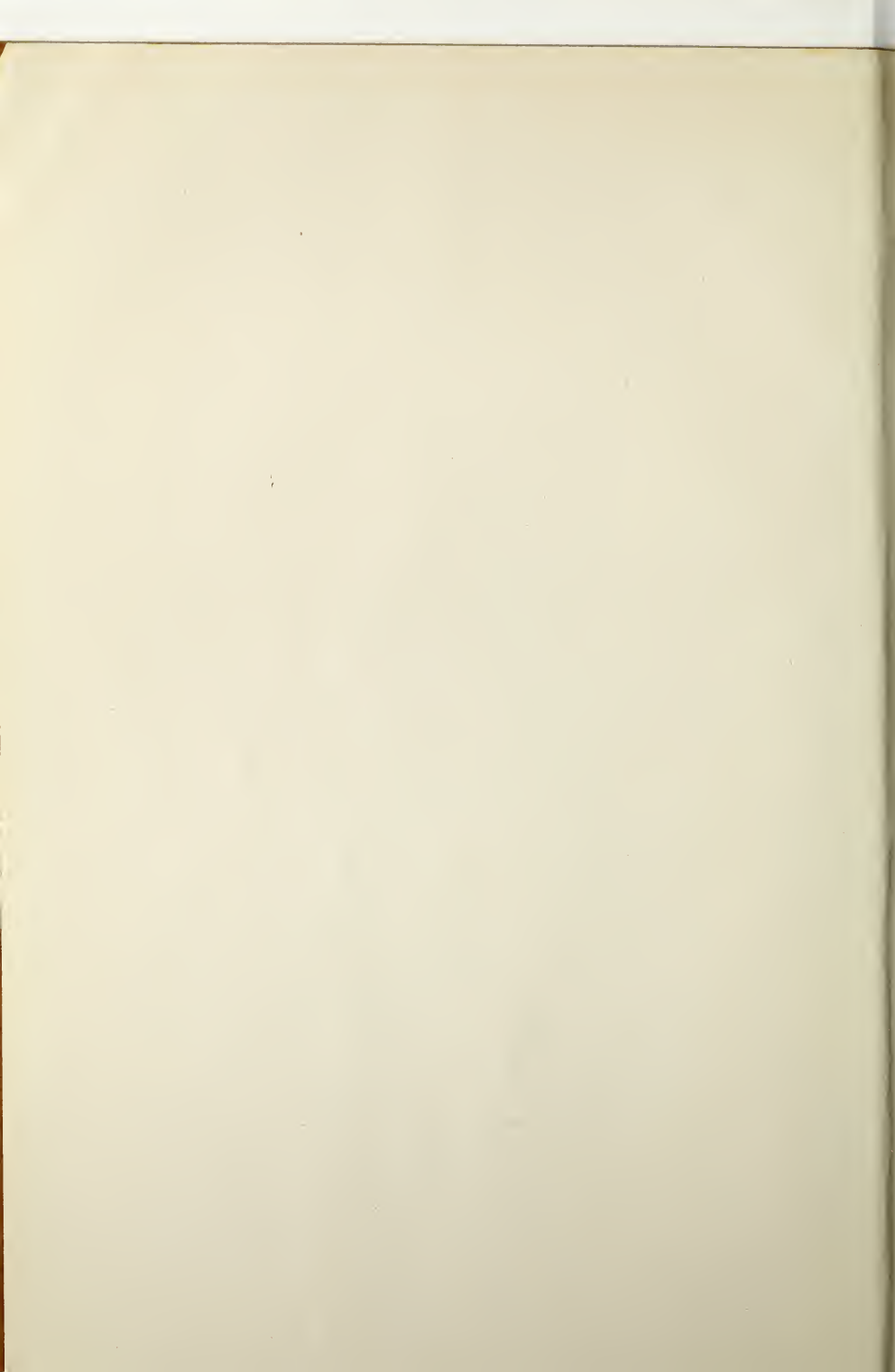
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TOWN OFFICERS

CLERK

WILLIAM W. WAITE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

ARTHUR N. STOWELL, FRED W. MORRISON,
ALVAH A. WAITE

TREASURER

C. L. DILLINGHAM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

GEO. WALTERS, W. S. MARBLE,
GEO. C. GRAY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

W. S. McNAMARA

ROAD COMMISSIONERS

D. A. GATES, F. W. MORRISON,
ALBION HOLMAN

TAX COLLECTOR

JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS

BOARD OF HEALTH

J. S. STURTEVANT, M.D., W. M. PEASE, M.D.,
FRANK ALLEN

Report of Selectmen

Report of the Selectmen of the town of Dixfield for the year ending Feb. 12, 1916.

Value of Real Estate, resident, \$384,855 00

Value of Real Estate, non-resident, 52,090 00

Total Real Estate, \$436,945 00

Value of Personal Est., resident, \$113,550 00

Value of Personal Est., non-resid't, 3,630 00

Total Personal Estate, \$117,180 00

Total Valuation, \$554,125 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For Common Schools	\$2,000 00
Books and Supplies	350 00
Repairs	100 00
Permanent School Fund	45 00
Superintendence	210 00
Outstanding Time Orders	1,000 00
Interest on Time Orders	415 00
Municipal Officers	700 00
Hydrant Rental	300 00
Public Library	150 00
Support of Poor	500 00
Roads and Bridges	3,000 00
Interest on Cemetery Funds	66 00
Fire Protection	50 00
High School	500 00
State Aid Road	533 00
Street Lights, East Dixfield	50 00
Miscellaneous Town Charges	450 00
Severy Hill Cemetery Fence	25 00
Greenwood Cemetery	50 00
Maintenance	45 00
Hose House	150 00
State Tax	2,834 45

County Tax	622 81	
Overlay	480 33	
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Total Commitment,		\$14,626 59
Number of polls		350
Rate of poll tax		\$3.00
Rate of property tax		.0245
Amount of poll tax	\$1,050 00	
Amount of property tax	13,576 59	
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		\$14,626 59

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

	No.	Av. value	Total value
Horses	259	\$94 45	\$24,465 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs.	5	70 00	350 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs.	12	50 00	600 00
Colts, under 2 yrs.	11	41 36	455 00
Cows	426	25 77	10,980 00
Oxen	4	100 00	400 00
Three years old	106	21 41	2,270 00
Two years old	122	17 05	2,080 00
One year old	160	8 97	1,435 00
Sheep	338	3 22	1,090 00
Swine	141	6 98	985 00
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Total value of Live Stock			\$45,110 00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	value
Bank Stock	69	\$6,900 00
Bridge Co.'s Stock	45	4,500 00
Money at Interest		1,000 00
Stock in Trade		18,600 00
Shipping		1,070 00

Logs and Lumber	12,800 00	
Automobiles	12,600 00	
Musical Instruments	6,200 00	
Finished Products in Mills	4,000 00	
Other Property	4,400 00	
Value of other Personal Property		\$72,070 00
Total value of Personal Property		\$117,180 00

COMMON SCHOOLS

Teachers' Salaries	\$2,788 95	
Janitor Service	520 00	
Conveyance of Scholars	733 00	
Fuel	261 00	
Total		\$4,781 81
Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Unexpended Balance	72 16	
Permanent School Fund	45 00	
Town of Mexico	115 00	
Common School Fund	1,014 41	
School Mill Fund	1,233 29	
Equalization Fund	200 00	
W. S. McNamara	27 50	
Transferred from High School	40 00	
Transferred from Unapp. Funds	34 45	
Total		\$4,781 81

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Orders drawn	\$788 37	
		\$788 37
Appropriation	\$350 00	
Unexpended Balance	4 79	

Trans. from New Schoolhouse acct.	356 43	
Trans. from Unapp. Funds	77 15	
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Total		\$788 37

REPAIRS

Orders drawn	\$151 84	
		\$151 84
Appropriation	\$100 00	
Unexpended Balance	10 96	
Trans. from Unapp. Funds	40 88	
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Total		\$151 84

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Teachers' Salaries	\$1,266 92	
Janitor Service	40 00	
Balance	163 45	
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Total		\$1,430 37
Appropriation	\$500 00	
Unexpended Balance	37	
Received from State	500 00	
Received from Peru	160 00	
Received from Carthage	20 00	
Received from Peru	80 00	
Received from Carthage	20 00	
Received from Peru	150 00	
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Total		\$1,430 37

LABORATORY

Orders drawn	\$203 13	
		\$203 13
Unexpended Balance	\$5 90	
Equalization Fund	150 00	
Trans. from Unapp. Funds	47 23	
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Total		\$203 13

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Orders drawn	\$210 00	
Balance	1 25	
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Total		\$211 25
Appropriation	\$210 00	
Unexpended Balance	\$1 25	
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Total		\$211 25

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE

A. S. Trask	\$26 00
Vivian Horne	23 00
H. W. Beedy	28 00
E. P. Judkins	32 75
Frances Robie	5 62
Henry Luce	8 00
F. W. Skinner	5 99
J. W. Burrowes Co.	800 00
F. W. Skinner	151 92
Miller & Mayo	350 00
J. W. Burrowes	3,300 00
F. W. Skinner	161 65
F. W. Skinner	112 00
W. J. Wheeler & Co.	30 00

J. W. Burrowes Co.	2,000 00	
F. W. Skinner	176 74	
F. W. Skinner	108 78	
J. W. Burrowes Co.	3,000 00	
A. D. Hawthorne	28 75	
Judkins Bros.	33 13	
Sears Roebuck & Co.	276 80	
F. W. Skinner	69 61	
J. W. Burrowes Co.	886 60	
Judkins Bros.	10 00	
H. B. Marsh	4 00	
D. A. Gates	14 43	
E. O. Jordan	59 93	
J. W. Burrowes Co.	1,778 40	
E. O. Chandler	18 00	
J. W. Dunham	12 50	
Miller & Mayo	188 60	
R. F. Light & Water Co.	384 06	
Kennery Bros. & Wolkins	27 00	
H. A. Emery	211 85	
J. W. Burrowes Co.	19 23	
E. L. Stetson	6 49	
R. F. Insurance Agency	49 09	
C. H. Towle	22 46	
Talbot, Brooks & Ayer	195 30	
W. J. Wheeler & Co.	14 56	
Goodwin Bros.	25 10	
F. W. Skinner	1 55	
C. H. Towle	8 21	
F. W. Skinner	243 09	
Transferred to Books and Supplies	356 43	
Balance	17 79	
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Total		\$15,283 41
Insurance	\$10,000 00	
H. G. Thayer	213 31	
R. F. Trust Co. (Interest)	58 33	

R. F. Trust Co. (Interest)	61 77	
G. P. Torrey	450 00	
E. L. Torrey	1,000 00	
Verdurina Ludden	500 00	
R. F. Trust Co. (Loan)	3,000 00	
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Total		\$15,283 41

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Balance of Old Account	\$40 05	
Appropriation	700 00	
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		\$740 05
Orders Drawn		
Geo. W. Dockham	\$25 00	
J. P. Edmunds	25 00	
A. N. Stowell	125 00	
W. S. Marble	10 00	
Geo. Walters	10 00	
Geo. C. Gray	10 00	
C. L. Dillingham	75 00	
F. W. Morrison	60 00	
A. A. Waite	60 00	
J. P. Edmunds	293 88	
Wm. W. Waite	18 40	
Balance	27 77	
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		\$740 05

SEWER ACCOUNT

C. H. Ames	\$4 20	
C. H. Towle	3 50	
Balance	332 85	
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Total		\$340 55

Unexpended Balance	\$240 55	
Received of Arno Austin	25 00	
Received of D. F. Newton	25 00	
Received of O. H. Bradford	25 00	
Received of Porter Stowell	25 00	
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Total		\$340 55

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation	\$300 00	
		\$300 00
Dixfield Village Corporation	\$300 00	
		\$300 00

MEMORIAL DAY

No orders drawn		
Balance	75 00	
		\$75 00 .
Unexpended Balance	\$75 00	
		\$75 00

DIXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Order drawn	\$150 00	
		\$150 00
Appropriation	\$150 00	
		\$150 00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS AT EAST DIXFIELD

Orders drawn	\$54 21	
Balance	18	
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Total		\$54 39

Appropriation	\$50 00	
Unexpended Balance	4 39	
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Total		\$54 39

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

F. W. Morrison, Ferry	\$16 25	
Lewiston Journal, Town Reports	69 00	
Kidder Bros., Ferry	3 27	
L. S. & Harmon, Town Books	17 90	
Postmaster, Envelopes	10 00	
Chas. Howard, Ferry	52 00	
Chas. Howard, Ferry	35 00	
W. M. Holman, Sheep Killed	19 50	
L. S. & Harmon, Town Books	2 45	
D. W. Harvey, Sheep killed	24 00	
R. F. L. & Water Co., Schoolhouse Lights	6 36	
Chas. Howard, Ferry	32 50	
F. W. Morrison, Ferry	5 00	
F. W. Morrison, Ferry	3 00	
J. S. Sturtevant, Board of Health, etc.	12 00	
R. F. L. & Water Co., Schoolhouse Lights	5 88	
Bisbee & Parker, Pauper Case	10 00	
N. S. Stowell & Co., Telephone, etc.	3 73	
V. O. White, Att. on Geo. Blake, etc.	21 25	
A. N. Stowell, Expenses on Pauper trips	8 00	
Balance	435 67	
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Total		\$792 76

Appropriation	\$450 00	
Unexpended Balance	288 62	
State of Maine (Sheep)	43 50	
Town of Peru (Ferry)	10 64	
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Total		\$792 76

SUPPORT OF POOR

Support of Hiram Stone	\$199 50	
Support of Geo. Blake	212 75	
Support of Geo. Flagg	72 00	
Support of L. F. Newell	179 09	
Support of Geo. Washburn	240 75	
Support of Mrs. Annie Berry	48 30	
Support of James McAllister	84 00	
Support of John Porter	84 90	
Support of Tramps (34)	18 70	
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Total		\$1,139 99
Appropriation	\$500 00	
Received from State for support of L. F. Newell	179 09	
Received from Andover for support of John Porter	84 90	
Trans. from Unappropriated Funds	376 00	
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Total		\$1,139 99

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST
EUSTIS FUND

W. M. Kidder	\$52 83	
W. W. Waite	19 65	
H. G. Thayer	4 28	
Judkins Bros.	3 25	
L. A. Waite	5 83	
Herbert Brackett	2 50	
C. L. Dillingham	5 21	
Balance	65 31	
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		\$158 86
Balance forward	\$138 86	
Appropriation	20 00	
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		\$158 86

ROSENA CUMMINGS FUND

No orders drawn		
Balance	\$31 00	\$31 00
Balance forward	\$29 00	
Appropriation	2 00	
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RIVERSIDE FUND

J. M. Holland	\$40 00	\$40 00
Appropriation	\$40 00	\$40 00

GLINES FUND

J. M. Holland	\$2 00	\$2 00
Appropriation	\$2 00	\$2 00

KNOWLES FUND

J. M. Holland	\$2 00	\$2 00
Appropriation	\$2 00	\$2 00

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

H. W. Beedy	\$8 00
L. A. Waite	19 71
C. L. Dillingham	38 88
C. H. Towle	1 70

Balance	39 01	
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		\$107 30
Appropriation	\$50 00	
Unexpended Balance	27 30	
Mrs. F. C. Nutter	30 00	
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		\$107 30

TIME ORDER DUE

W. G. Harlow	\$1,000 00	
		\$1,000 00
Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
		\$1,000 00

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS

J. P. Johnston	\$10 00	
J. P. Johnston	22 81	
W. G. Harlow	20 00	
Verdurina Ludden	20 00	
J. P. Johnston	15 98	
W. G. Harlow	4 44	
J. P. Johnston	32 81	
Zerna E. White	54 00	
E. L. Torrey	20 00	
Verdurina Ludden	20 00	
G. P. Torrey	48 00	
E. E. Brown	40 00	
Zerna E. White	54 00	
P. W. Torrey	12 00	
J. P. Johnston	15 98	
Balance	24 98	
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Total		\$415 00
Appropriation	\$415 00	
		\$415 00

OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

530 Nov. 16, 1907 G. P. Torrey	\$300 00
102 June 5, 1908 McGregor Bros.	1,140 00
142 June 29, 1908 E. E. Brown	1,000 00

\$2,440 63

Issued on account Temporary loans authorized at Special Town Meeting, March 15, 1909.

608 Apr. 1, 1909 G. P. Torrey	\$500 00
609 Apr. 8, 1909 J. P. Johnston	500 00
689 Apr. 8, 1909 G. P. Torrey	200 00
695 May 20, 1909 G. P. Torrey	200 00

\$1,400 00

Issued on account of first schoolhouse

103 June 16, 1909 Zerna E. White	\$1,000 00
Due July 1, 1919	
108 July 1, 1909 Verdurina Ludden	1,000 00
Due July 1, 1916	
197 Aug. 3, 1909 Zerna E. White	1,000 00
Due Aug. 3, 1918	
225 Aug. 4, 1909 P. W. Torrey	300 00
Due Aug. 2, 1917	
257 Aug. 25, 1909 Zerna E. White	700 00
Due Aug. 28, 1917	

\$4,000 00

Issued on account Schoolhouse Addition.

772 July 27, 1914 J. P. Johnston	\$500 00
909 Oct. 5, 1914 E. L. Torrey	500 00
1211 Feb. 13, 1915 J. P. Johnston	299 19

\$1,299 19

Issued on account New Schoolhouse.

1422 Sept. 1, 1915 E. L. Torrey	\$1,000 00
1423 Aug. 31, 1916 G. P. Torrey	450 00
1468 Oct. 1, 1915 Verdurina Ludden	500 00

Note to Dixfield

Branch of Rumford Falls Trust Co.	\$3,000 00	
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		\$4,950 00
Total Outstanding Loans		<hr/>
		\$14,089 82

STATE AID ROAD

Fred Everett	\$25 00
Hillary Harlow	18 00
Morris Horne	27 00
Carl Rand	25 00
Erlon Berry	25 00
Harry Rand	100 00
Homer Savage	30 00
Ezra Hutchinson	35 00
Fred Everett	37 00
Miles Everett	39 00
Ezra Hutchinson	36 00
Carl Rand	31 00
Hillary Harlow	32 00
Hiram Virgin	75 37
K. K. Brackett	171 00
Hazen Cochran	52 00
Erlon Berry	36 00
Harry Rand	178 87
Judkins Bros.	33 75
Nelson Rose	50 00
C. H. Towle	33 78

Maurice Horne	10 00	
Engineering and Inspection	24 45	
Total		\$1,125 22
Appropriation	\$533 00	
State of Maine	508 55	
State of Maine	42 24	
State of Maine	24 45	
Trans. from Unapp. Funds	16 98	
Total		\$1,125 22

SUMMER WORK

H. W. Beedy	\$39 00
H. W. Beedy	39 00
W. M. Kidder	7 83
H. W. Beedy	32 50
C. O. Cummings	4 00
Chas. Hawes	11 38
H. W. Beedy	39 00
H. L. Bruce	12 00
W. O. Babb	26 93
H. W. Beedy	39 00
C. H. Towle	44 80
C. H. Eustis	24 66
Prince Beedy	12 00
H. W. Beedy	39 00
H. W. Beedy	35 75
John Higgins	24 44
A. D. Wentworth	17 12
H. W. Beedy	39 00
H. W. Beedy	30 88
H. W. Beedy	26 00
K. K. Brackett	15 40
W. M. Kidder	10 03
Geo. E. Moy	7 00

John Higgins	11 33
W. O. Babb	14 17
I. A. Mitchell	1 00
B. A. Smith	5 00
E. F. Taylor	5 95
H. W. Beedy	32 50
Chas. Eustis	19 34
Hughie Hughes	10 00
H. W. Beedy	32 50
E. F. Taylor	4 35
H. G. Thayer	126 69
H. W. Beedy	21 12
G. P. Torrey	5 79
W. W. Gammon	2 00
H. W. Beedy	37 37
Clarence Danforth	3 50
Urban Blaisdell	3 55
H. W. Beedy	35 75
Chas. Eustis	5 25
C. M. Conant Co.	229 95
E. L. Torrey	3 80
H. L. Bruce	8 90
C. L. Dillingham	4 92
I. O. Babb	3 25
E. E. Brown	2 00
C. H. Towle	59 00
W. E. Wilder	54 00
F. W. Morrison	14 00
F. W. Morrison	9 90
F. W. Morrison	15 00
E. S. Hannaford	9 00
E. A. Packard	3 50
Geo. T. Porter	3 50
Leon Knapp	20 00
D. H. Holman	20 00
Leon Knapp	26 00
Elmer Hannaford	5 00
F. W. Morrison	130 00

Leon Knapp	5 00
Geo. I. Fletcher	14 00
S. D. Rand	56 25
Eddie Whittemore	8 37
W. C. Hall	24 35
J. F. Grover	6 00
Leon Knapp	13 36
Vivian Morrison	20 76
Chas. Durrell	45 94
Vivian Morrison	50 62
W. E. Towle	14 35
Carl Towle	16 37
D. A. Adams	3 50
A. G. Howard	13 50
Carl Towle	3 50
W. E. Towle	5 75
Bert Coolidge	9 00
C. C. Coolidge	5 20
W. F. Drown	7 50
Myron Holman	27 69
Susie Holman	2 00
Horace Holman	4 00
D. H. Holman	3 50
S. D. Rand	13 50
Harry Whittemore	17 40
Ed Whittemore	15 00
G. T. Porter	3 00
B. D. Coolidge	4 05
C. C. Coolidge	1 00
W. O. Babb	8 00
Fred Hannaford	5 62
G. H. Towle	22 75
A. L. Carlton	4 60
J. S. Adams	5 25
W. S. Marble	20 03
Walter Holman	1 75
W. E. Wilder	113 20
Albion Holman	3 00

Albion Holman	75 45
Alvah Waite	60 00
Frank Holman	28 87
Ruel Burnham	59 00
Chas. Waite	34 25
Walter Wright	28 00
Harry Coolidge	7 00
Arthur Holman	30 00
Dennis Russell	30 00
Erwin Fuller	8 00
Chas. Rogers	3 50
Peter Dalpie	1 75
Geo. Hiscock	2 95
Ora Coolidge	9 62
Philip Andrew	8 50
Walter Wright	7 00
Frank Holman	15 75
Chas. Waite	10 75
A. A. Waite	29 00
Erwin Fuller	9 25
E. E. Winter	1 50
Marion Douglass	4 30
G. L. Lothrop	4 85
H. E. Coolidge	1 75
A. W. Coolidge	2 87
Albion Holman	29 38
D. B. Holman	1 75
R. M. Burnham	16 00
John Tucker	34 00
D. B. Holman	4 50
W. W. Rollins	2 00
United Construction Co.	44 80
Myron Holman	7 00
Walter Holman	5 25
Alexander Holman	2 70
Clyde Paul	6 50
W. L. Paul	12 50
C. L. Dillingham	6 55

D. A. Gates		
Hussey Plow Co.	5	40
Lester S. Libby	6	22
N. S. Stowell & Co.	17	35
F. W. Morrison	73	67
Leon Knapp	5	25
W. C. Porter	1	75
Jesse Adams	6	12
C. H. Towle	13	64
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Total		\$2,954 84

WINTER WORK

F. W. Morrison	\$	75
W. C. Porter	1	22
C. H. Eustis	8	51
A. D. Wentworth	2	25
E. L. Torrey	5	75
Walter Smith	3	60
Chas. Smith	4	50
Earl Childs	1	30
W. E. Wright	1	35
C. S. Wright	3	60
A. L. Holman	3	00
John Tucker	1	00
Frank Holman	3	10
W. W. Rollins	6	00
Marion Douglass	10	00
H. E. Coolidge	4	55
A. A. Waite	6	00
A. G. Howard	2	00
D. D. Holman	6	75
S. D. Rand	6	75
Irus Chandler	2	96
Earl Childs	1	00
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Total		\$90 00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Summer Work	\$2,954 84	
Winter Work	90 00	
Balance	561 87	
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Total		\$3,606 71
Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Unexpended Balance	548 43	
Town of Mexico (painting bridge)	58 28	
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Total		\$3,606 71

MAINTENANCE

K. K. Brackett	\$18 77	
Chas. Hawes	6 00	
K. K. Brackett	43 00	
Everett Foster	3 75	
Harry Brown	8 75	
K. K. Brackett .	5 00	
W. H. Ricker	8 00	
Judkins Bros.	45 00	
Geo. Virgin	10 00	
B. A. Smith	9 44	
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Total		\$157 71
Appropriation	\$45 00	
Unexpended Balance	4 79	
Received from State	106 00	
Trans. from Unapp. Funds	1 92	
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Total		\$157 71

DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

J. B. Davis	\$47 50	
Balance	84 50	
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Total		\$132 00
Appropriation	\$50 00	
Unexpended Balance	82 00	
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Total		\$132 00

SEVERY HILL CEMETERY

W. E. Wilder	\$30 13	
A. A. Waite	29 04	
Balance	2 93	
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Total		\$62 10
Appropriation	\$25 00	
Unexpended Balance	37 10	
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Total		\$62 10

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FENCE

Whilis W. Waite	\$84 02	
Balance	15 98	
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Total		\$100 00
Unexpended Balance	\$100 00	
		\$100 00

DUNN CEMETERY FENCE

No orders drawn		
Balance	\$50 00	\$50 00
Unexpended Balance	\$50 00	\$50 00

HOSE HOUSE

W. M. Kidder	\$29 67	
W. W. Waite	10 19	
H. G. Thayer	28 97	
C. L. Dillingham	3 22	
Balance	77 95	
Total		\$150 00
Appropriation	\$150 00	\$150 00

ABATEMENTS

Ellery Austin, paid elsewhere	\$3 00
Bert Babb, missing	3 00
G. W. Chase, paid in Jay	3 00
P. E. Colcord, mistake	1 84
F. S. Cummings, gone	3 00
Joe Gauthier, gone	3 00
Mrs. Ada L. Hammons	5 51
Herbert Hannaford, paid in Byron	3 00
D. D. Holman, mistake	7 35
Lester Hazleton, gone	3 00
Chas. Hawes, gone	3 00
Elmer King, gone	5 45
Roland Norwood, gone	7 90
Ernest Rankin, gone	3 00

Warren Sargent, gone	25 05	
William Smart, gone	3 00	
Guy E. Webster, poor	5 45	
W. A. Given, mistake	9 80	
C. E. Dunham, mistake	12 25	
G. D. Spaulding, poor	3 00	
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Total		\$113 60

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Abatements	\$113 60	
Transferred to Common Schools	34 45	
Transferred to Repairs	40 88	
Transferred to Support of Poor	376 00	
Transferred to Laboratory Account	47 23	
Transferred to Maintenance	1 92	
Transferred to State Road	16 98	
Transferred to Books and Supplies	77 15	
Balance	1,097 81	
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Total		\$1,806 02
Unexpended Balance	\$1,136 58	
State Pension	24 00	
S. L. Hammons	10 00	
S. V. Harlow	2 00	
Dog License Refund	55 56	
R. R. & Tel. Tax	18 00	
Frank Stanley, License	10 00	
Albion Judkins, License	1 00	
Maurice McIntire, License	1 00	
Overlay	480 63	
Supplementary Tax	67 25	
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Total		\$1,806 02

BALANCE SHEET

High School	\$163 45
Superintendence	1 25
Roads and Bridges	561 87
Miscellaneous Town Charges	435 67
Municipal Officers	27 77
Sewer Account	332 85
Unappropriated Funds	1,097 81
Hose House	77 95
New Schoolhouse	17 79
Dunn Cemetery Fence	50 00
Riverside Cemetery Fence	15 98
Interest on Time Orders	24 98
Dixfield Fire Co.	84 50
Severy Hill Cemetery	2 93
Electric Lights at East Dixfield	18
Greenwood Cemetery	39 01
Memorial Day	75 00
Cummings Fund	31 00
Eustis Fund	65 31
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Total	\$3,105 30

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Loans	\$14,089 82
Cemetery Funds held in trust	1,650 00
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Total	\$15,739 82

RESOURCES

Due Common School Tuition	\$115 00
Due High School Tuition	180 00
Cash in Treasury	3,105 30

Total	\$3,400 30
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Net Amount Liabilities	\$12,339 52
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR N. STOWELL,

FRED W. MORRISON,

ALVAH A. WAITE,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE.

To JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS, a Constable of the Town of Dixfield, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dixfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday in March, A.D., 1916, being the sixth day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ART. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2 To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3 To choose Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor for ensuing year.

ART. 4 To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 5 To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 6 To choose one or more members of the School Board.

ART. 7 To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending Feb. 12, 1916.

ART. 8 To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts next year.

- ART. 10 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase Books and Supplies, to repair Schoolhouses, Permanent School Fund, to pay Outstanding Time Orders due, to pay Interest on Outstanding Time Orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay Hydrant Rental, Public Library, Support of Poor, to repair Roads and Bridges, to pay Interest on Cemetery Funds, Fire Protection, Miscellaneous Town Charges, and defray all other Town Charges.
- ART. 11 To see if the Town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will vote to raise for support of same.
- ART. 12 To see if the Town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State aid, as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 13 To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State Aid road as outlined in the Report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 14 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Superintending School Committee to unite with any other town or towns in the employment of a Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 296, of the Public Laws of 1907.

- ART. 15 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay the salary of the Union District School Superintendent for the ensuing year.
- ART. 16 To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn District.
- ART. 17 To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill District.
- ART. 18 To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Lancaster District.
- ART. 19 To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Towle District.
- ART. 20 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to pay for Street Lights at East Dixfield.
- ART. 21 To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$25.00 to pay for the Treasurer's bond.
- ART. 22 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the Maintenance of State Aid Road.
- ART. 23 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of repairing the streets of Dixfield Village.
- ART. 24 To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Way leading from Valley road to road leading from the Four Corners to Dixfield Common as laid out by the Selectmen; and if so to see how much money the Town will vote to raise to pay land damage and defray cost of constructing same.
- ART. 25 To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Schoolhouse Insurance and Lights.
- ART. 26 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of Hose House and Riverside Cemetery Fence accounts to Unappropriated Funds account next year.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February, A. D. 1916.

A. N. STOWELL,
F. W. MORRISON,
A. A. WAITE,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1915	DR.	
March 6	To cash balance from 1914 account	\$2,893 31
	To cash from State Treas., for state pension paid in 1914	24 00
	To cash from Ins. Companies, account of schoolhouse lost by fire	9,500 00
	To cash from Ins. Companies, account books and supplies lost by fire	500 00
May 18	To cash from town of Mexico, account tuition Com. Schools	115 00
June 17	To cash from A. N. Stowell, account support of poor	84 90
	To cash S. L. Hammons, billiard license	10 00
July 1	To cash from Bank, Int. on deposit account New Schoolhouse	58 33
July 27	To cash from H. G. Thayer, salvage from Schoolhouse burned	213 31
July 31	To cash town of Peru, account High School	160 00
Aug. 3	To cash from Bank, Int. on deposit account New Schoolhouse	61 77
Aug. 11	To cash from Arno J. Austin, entering sewer	25 00
	To cash from G. P. Torrey, New Schoolhouse loan	450 00
Sept. 3	To cash from E. L. Torrey, New Schoolhouse loan	1,000 00
Sept. 4	To cash from Wm. W. Waite, Town Clerk, account dog licenses	82 00
	To cash from town of Carthage, account High School	20 00

Sept. 30	To cash from State Treas., account Public Library	15 00
	To cash from State Treas., support of poor	35 25
Oct. 4	To cash from Verdurina Ludden, New Schoolhouse loan	500 00
Oct. 15	To cash from D. F. Newton, entering sewer	25 00
Oct. 23	To cash from S. V. Harlow, auctioneer's license	2 00
Oct. 27	To cash from Dixfield Branch, Rum- ford Falls Trust Co., New Schoolhouse Loan	3,000 00
Dec. 1	To cash from State Treas., account of refund on dog licenses	55 56
	To cash from State Treas., account Com. School fund	1,014 41
	To cash from State Treas., account School Mill Fund	1,233 29
	To cash from State Treas., account R. R. and Tel. tax	18 00
	To cash from State Treas., account School Equalization Fund	350 00
Dec. 15	To cash from State Treas., account Support of Poor	67 28
Dec. 23	To cash from State Treas., account State Road Maintenance	110 79
1916		
Jan. 1	To cash from State Treas., account Free High School	500 00
	To cash from State Treas., account Damage to Domestic Animals	43 50
	To cash from State Treas., account Support of Poor	24 14

Jan. 3	To cash from State Treas., account State Roads	508 55
Jan 20	To cash from Town of Peru, account High School	80 00
Jan. 27	To cash from State Treas., account Registration of Autos	42 24
Feb. 4	To cash from Town of Carthage, account High School	20 00
Feb. 7	To cash from Frank Stanley, Moving Picture License	10 00
Feb. 9	To cash from A. N. Judkins, Innkeepers' License	1 00
	To cash from Maurice McIntire, Innkeepers' License	1 00
	To cash from Town of Peru, account of Ferry	10 64
Feb. 10	To cash from W. S. McNamara, Tuition Com. Schools	27 50
Feb. 11	To cash from Town of Peru, High School	150 00
Feb. 14	To cash from Mrs. F. C. Nutter, Cemetery Lot	30 00
Feb. 14	To cash from Town of Mexico, Highway	58 28
Feb. 15	To cash from State Treas., Support of Poor	27 71
	To cash from Porter Stowell, entering sewer	25 00
	To cash from O. H. Bradford, entering sewer	25 00
	To cash from State Treas., Support of Poor	24 71
	To cash from Tax Commitment from J. P. Edmunds, Coll.	14,694 14
	Total debits	<hr/> \$37,927 61

1915		CREDIT	
Sept. 11	By paid State Treas., account Dog Licenses, 1915		82 00
Oct. 23	By paid County Treas., for County Tax, 1915		622 81
Dec. 1	By paid State Treas., State Tax for 1915		2,834 45
1916			
Feb. 15	By paid Dixfield Public Library, amount received from State Treas.,	15 00	
	By paid orders paid and cancelled	31,268 05	
	By paid cash in treasury	3,105 30	
Total credits			\$37,927 61

C. L. DILLINGHAM, *Treasurer.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Vital Statistics according to returns made to this office
to February 15, 1916.

MARRIAGES

Date 1915	Names
Feb. 20	Prince H. Beedy Nellie H. Howard
Mar. 3	Horace E. Thomas Ella M. Randall
Mar. 9	Benjamin E. Alden Mildred A. Judkins
Mar. 17	Robert S. Presby Eleanor V. McQuarrie
May 15	Charles E. Cummings Mabel F. Keys
May 20	Leon Ambrose Estes Ruth Annie Frost
June 5	Everett J. Hutchinson Harriet M. Stanley
June 23	Daniel H. Holman Leona G. Philbrick
July 2	Arthur Coffin Margie Tripp
July 20	Edmund H. Kinney Minnie Ethel Adams
July 25	Ralph E. Walton Lelia A. Holman

July 30 Harold Ellis
Carlotta Small

Aug. 19 Neil Cameron
Effie May Reed

Sept. 29 Adelbert D. McIntire
Mertie P. Newton

Oct. 2 John Putnam, Jr.
Ella E. Paine

Oct. 30 Alton L. Lovejoy
Laila M. Hammond

Oct. 30 Alton R. Coolidge
Florence M. Smith

Dec. 15 James M. Sturtevant
Bhima Gertrude McDonald

1916

Feb. 2 Lee H. Davenport
Bernice M. McIntire

BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Parents	Sex
1915		
Feb. 13	Ellery C. Austin	Daughter
Mar. 1	Harry E. Coolidge	Son
Mar. 21	Ralph R. Bennett	Daughter
Mar. 21	Clifton D. Fletcher	Son
Mar. 25	Delmont A. Adams	Daughter
Mar. 31	Philetus Torrey	Son
Apr. 4	Percy E. Ford	Daughter
Apr. 26	Harris S. Holman	Daughter
May 14	Samuel D. Rand	Daughter
June 30	Verdell Holman	Daughter
July 20	G. Ernest Goding	Daughter

July 25	Charles E. Smith	Son
Aug. 16	Grover C. Frost	Son
Oct. 14	Walter M. Holman	Daughter
Oct. 21	George G. Stevens	Daughter
Nov. 6	John E. Tucker	Daughter

1916

Jan. 4	Ransom E. Gilkey	Son
Jan. 27	Charles M. Robinson	Son
Jan. 29	Arthur E. Coffin	Son

DEATHS

Date	Names	yrs.	mos.	days
1915				
Mar. 17	Mrs. Carrie Holman	53	0	10
Apr. 27	Aline M. Paul Holman	20	1	0
Apr. 27	Infant Holman	0	0	0
Mar. 7	William H. Winslow	88	8	3
May 18	Harland A. Ellis	11	5	20
May 21	George Washburn	45		
June 9	Dennison S. Marble	82	0	28
June 22	Ina M. Briggs	47	3	16
July 9	Martha Emma Jordan	53	1	24
Oct. 18	Andrew N. Sanborn	84	1	23
Oct. 28	George A. Marsh	71	4	8
Nov. 9	Inez R. Allen	60	0	0
Dec. 13	James M. Haines	59	4	2
Dec. 17	Charles W. Greenleaf	74	5	14
Dec. 18	Charles S. Adams	84	9	8
Dec. 28	Vera I. Chandler	10	2	5

1915

Jan. 30	Arthur Raymond Coffin	13 hrs.
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DOGS LICENSED AFTER APRIL 1, 1915

Number that were licensed, 66.

53 males	@ \$1.00	\$53 00
9 spd. females	@ \$1.00	9 00
4 females	@ \$5.00	20 00
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		\$82 00

Number killed or otherwise disposed of, 4 males.

WILLIAM W. WAITE,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Taxpayers of Dixfield:

We submit herewith our report in detail for the expense of construction of the new school building. It seemed to your Committee and the School Board, that in view of the fact that the six rooms in the old building were all occupied, and the number of scholars constantly increasing, that it would be good business to build an eight-room building. This has been done, from plans and specifications drawn by Miller & Mayo of Portland, recommended to us by Payson Smith, State Supt., as the best school architects in Maine.

We put the construction up for bids for contract, because we believed that in no other way could we be sure of the final cost of the building, and also because we believed that the Town could get the best value for the money expended. The specifications were rigidly drawn and the contractor was made to live up to them in every way, and the building is thoroughly constructed and finished.

Six rooms in the building are finished and in use for school purposes. In the basement is a laboratory of fire proof construction, the same size of the rooms up-stairs, no wood being exposed except the window sash and frames. The two rooms on the north side up-stairs are plastered, rough floor laid, wired for lights, and piped for steam, and ventilators installed. It will be very little expense to fit these for school use when they are needed.

All the school rooms in use are fitted with double sets of window sash, and complete sets of ventilating flues running to the roof. Two entrances and two sets of stairs are provided, making the building much safer in case of fire. For fire protection, a three-inch stand-pipe from the water main runs to the second floor, with 50 feet of 2-inch hose on an automatic reel, on each floor and in the basement,

ready to be turned on instantly. We had the heating plant re-modeled, and added a new section to the boiler, and it is our belief that the building can be heated for the same cost as the old one.

We were fortunate in getting ready to build when business was generally dull, and all kinds of material cheaper than they are now. For this reason we were able to get low bids, and at the present time it would take considerable more money to duplicate the building. The School Board agreed to equip the building with desks, curtains, laboratory equipment, books, etc., for \$1,000.00 of the insurance money, and you will find the details of this given in their report. We have a partial trade made with the Town of Weld for the sale of the old fire escape, and think they will appropriate money for the same at their annual meeting. The construction of the new building does not require outside escapes. We recommend that the money received from this and the balance left in our hands be used to tint the plaster walls in the building.

We have used our best efforts in connection with this duty, and we thoroughly believe that the Town has received good value for the money expended, and that Dixfield has a school building that will be adequate for her needs for some time to come.

DR.

To amount received from insurance on old building	\$9,000 00
To amount received from Henry G. Thayer on account salvage of old building	213 31
To interest received on insurance money from Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls Trust Co.	120 10
To amount received from Selectmen on account of money hired for new building	4,950 00
Total	<hr/> \$14,283 41

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By paid for labor demolishing old building	\$143 36
By paid Miller & Mayo, for plans, assistance on bids and inspection of construction	538 60
By paid John W. Burrowes Co., contract for construction of new building	11,765 00
By paid same, for extra work, reinforcing chimney foundation, old wall, etc.	19 23
By paid F. W. Skinner, for labor and materials on heating plant, plumbing, stand-pipe and hose	1,023 79
By paid A. D. Hawthorne, painting old basements, and bronzing metal work in new building	28 75
By paid J. Willis Dunham, for same	12 50
By paid E. O. Chandler, painting laboratory	18 00
By paid Rumford Falls Light & Water Co., for wiring building for light and gongs, light fix- tures, lamps, gongs and all material and labor complete	384 06
By paid W. J. Wheeler & Co., for builders' in- surance, and insurance on completed building for one year	44 56
By paid Rumford Falls Insurance agency for same as above	49 09
By paid Talbot Brooks & Ayer for builders' hardware for building, complete	195 30
By paid C. H. Towle for paint and sundries	22 46
By paid expenses of H. G. Thayer and D. A. Gates, trip to Portland to consult architects	14 43
By paid E. L. Stetson, for postage, stationery, telephone tolls, etc.	6 49
By balance unexpended	17 79

Total

\$14,283 41

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY G. THAYER,

DON A. GATES,

ELISHA L. STETSON,

Building Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Dixfield:

It is the pleasure of the school committee to submit herewith its annual report.

The following appropriations will be necessary for the ensuing year:

Common Schools	\$3,000 00
High School	500 00
Books and Supplies	350 00
Repairs	150 00
Superintendent	200 00
Laboratory	250 00
Insurance and Lights	300 00

It will be noticed that the appropriation for Common Schools is larger than heretofore. Under the new law it is compulsory that all the schools in a town have the same number of weeks tuition. It is planned to continue all of the schools for thirty-six weeks during the ensuing year; an increase of ten weeks over the rural school years of 1913 and 1914. This means an increased expenditure for teachers' salaries of \$460, and an increase for transportation of scholars of \$160. Additional expense for janitor service and fuel will approximate \$50. In addition to these extra expenses on account of the rural schools, \$90 is required for salary increases (which includes \$54 for the salary of Supervisor of Music) and about \$100 additional may be needed for fuel for the new school building.

It may be of interest to note that five years ago the term of the rural schools was twenty-two weeks only, and that of the village schools thirty-four weeks. The rural school teachers were being paid an average salary of \$7.50 per week, and there were three teachers in the village schools

receiving an average of \$10 per week. Now the rural teachers receive an average of \$9.00 per week, and there are four village teachers, three at \$12.00 per week and one at \$15.00, besides a music teacher at \$1.50 per week. We are appropriating only \$1,000.00 more for common schools than we did five years ago, but we have an extra teacher, the school year has been greatly lengthened (in rural schools over 60 per cent.) and we are paying salaries that enable us to command the services of experienced and efficient teachers, and to retain them year after year.

Our new school building is insured for \$15,000 and the contents for \$1,500 additional. The building was insured for one year only, and at the expiration of the policies we wish to reinsure for a period of five years in order to obtain the lowest rate.

We are asking for an appropriation of \$250 for the Laboratory. We have a laboratory well equipped for physics, but next year we have a large class in Chemistry and no provision has as yet been made for this course. The sum available for laboratory equipment this year was insufficient, and there is one bill of \$102 for physical apparatus that has not yet been paid. The amount asked for will provide for the payment of this bill and ensure a good equipment for the chemistry course. It might be well to state that our old laboratory, small and ill equipped as it was, cost more first and last, than will our new laboratory when it has received its full complement of apparatus.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE WALTERS,

W. S. MARBLE,

GEORGE C. GRAY,

Superintending School Committee.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee, Dixfield:

It is my pleasure to submit for your consideration my fifth annual report as Superintendent of the Public Schools of Dixfield.

ATTENDANCE

During the past year an average attendance of 91 per cent. has been attained. This is the highest percentage we have ever reached here in Dixfield and it is very gratifying to everyone connected with the schools. The percentage of attendance for the past five years is as follows:

Year ending Feb. 1st, 1912	89%
Year ending Feb. 1st, 1913	88%
Year ending Feb. 1st, 1914	88%
Year ending Feb. 1st, 1915	89%
Year ending Feb. 1st, 1916	91%

It may be seen from the above table that this last year has seen a material increase in the attendance in our schools and too much cannot be said in regard to the work of our truant officer, Mr. Dockham, who is responsible, in great measure, for the standard of excellence we have reached in this department which comes under his personal attention.

There is something in connection with this matter of attendance, however, which I wish to bring to the notice of parents, for I think this subject is of the utmost importance. With a total registration of 246, an average attendance of 91 per cent. means that over twenty children are absent each day that school is in session. Twenty-two children represent nearly one-tenth of our enrollment and

it will readily be seen that we are wasting one-tenth of the money that it costs to run our public schools.

This is a matter that should receive more thought and care than is generally given it and it is clearly a matter that should be of special interest to parents for they are directly responsible for more than three-fourths of the absences. It is not the habitual truant who makes the average attendance low, for we have very few of them; but it is the child who comes a few days and then remains away a few more that causes so much trouble. Such children are behind in their work, for they cannot possibly keep up with their respective grades when they are absent so much and they increase the teachers' work because such children must receive special attention and be given special lessons until they are able to keep up with the regular work of the grade.

In most instances, the parents who complain that their children are not getting ahead fast enough will blame the teacher and the school system when the fault is due entirely to the parents' lack of interest in the child's attendance. This is especially noticeable at the end of the school year when the pupils are promoted to the next grade and it is always true that the child's promotion or failure to be promoted rests almost entirely upon his regularity or irregularity of attendance.

I trust that this matter will be given careful attention, especially at the present time, for we do not wish to lower the high average of attendance we have attained. On the contrary, it is clearly the duty of the parents to co-operate with the teachers and school officials for a higher average each year, for it is only by striving to do a little better year after year that the highest standard of efficiency is reached.

ACCOMMODATIONS

With the burning of our school building last spring we were obliged to look up accommodations for temporary

quarters and at the same time make plans for a new and better building. The temporary housing problem was soon solved, for, through the kindness of the King Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., we were offered the use of the lower part of the Masonic building for our high school and Mt. Sugar Loaf Grange offered the use of the Grange Hall for the grades. After installing blackboards, seats and tables and making suitable arrangements for sanitation we were able to carry on the high school and the grades in these temporary quarters until the end of the school year.

During this time a building committee has been appointed and working in conjunction with the school board, plans furnished by Miller & Mayo of Portland were approved. These plans called for an eight-room flat roof building and early in the summer the contract was let out, calling for a completed building not later than Sept. 10th, but owing to the fact that we were unable to obtain all supplies for laboratory, etc., the schools were not opened until Sept. 21st.

We have now an eight-room building with all modern apparatus and appliances—a building that will supply the wants of Dixfield for many years to come. The members of the school board and the building committee are deserving of the thanks of the community for the results they have accomplished and the new Central building will long stand as a monument to their earnest efforts to give Dixfield one of the best buildings in the State.

COMMON SCHOOLS

We were obliged to make but few changes in our teaching force at the beginning of the present school year and this fact should be of inestimable value to us as no element in a child's school experience counts for so much as the personality and directive power of the teacher. Any advance made is always due to her efforts and the stronger her personality the greater will be the progress of the

school. Good schoolhouses and good text books are important considerations, but without good teachers we can accomplish nothing in education.

An experienced teacher is, naturally, better fitted to encourage and guide her pupils than one who has had no experience whatsoever. Little difficulties which arise in the school room are more readily mastered by her because she has coped with them before. She knows when to use tact and diplomacy and when to adopt severe measures. She endeavors to lead the child by a loving and sympathetic interest which will eventually awaken in him a desire to do his utmost, because he knows his teacher is interested in him. She goes about her work with a promptness and decision; she knows how much she can accomplish and how she will accomplish it.

Our community has taken a long step in the right direction by increasing the salaries of the teachers who have been with us for a year or more. In the past five years the salaries of our grade teachers have been increased from two to five dollars a week and we are able to keep our competent teachers instead of making our schools simply a training ground for them. This means a great deal to us; for if experienced teachers are so much to be desired, how much more desirable are teachers who have had experience in the schools of our town, who know the conditions peculiar to it and who have a personal interest in every boy and girl committed to their care.

The course in music which we introduced two years ago, is now under the supervision of Mrs. Wynnifred S. Smith and she is obtaining excellent results. It is to be hoped that this course in singing can be continued permanently as it is of great benefit to our schools and our school children, and any school which does not contain in its curriculum a course in music, is hopelessly out of date.

HIGH SCHOOL

At the beginning of the fall term we were very glad to welcome back Mr. Parker M. Cooper as principal of the high school. Assisted by Miss Frances H. True he has continued the excellent work which made him so valuable to us during his former incumbency as principal of Dixfield High School. Mr. Cooper is a very valuable man and I trust that every effort will be put forth to keep him here with us for many years.

Shortly after the new building was completed this fall the new laboratory in the basement was equipped with the necessary appliances and apparatus and to-day Dixfield High School has excellent facilities for laboratory work—better than ever before in its history. This well equipped laboratory has filled a long felt want, for we were very much handicapped in the old building on account of lack of room and lack of desirable apparatus. The present quarters are well lighted and heated, roomy and well ventilated and are designed to accommodate very large classes. It seems reasonable to suppose that it will be a great many years before any alterations or additions are necessary in this department.

When the new building was designed it was planned to have one room for a reference library for the high school and accordingly, the room next to the principal's office was fitted up for this purpose. Up to the present time we have two sets of encyclopedias in the library and nothing else. I would suggest that a sum of money be raised each year to buy books for this library as it is of the utmost importance that high school students have access to reference books in connection with their daily work. In the old building we had a very good library, books for which had been collected for many years and the lack of suitable references, under present conditions, tends to retard the progress of our school. I wish that this subject might develop enough interest among the citizens of our community so that we may have the needed appropriation.

Last year at the annual prize speaking contest in which the high schools of Rumford, Dixfield and Mexico were represented, one of the honors went to a student from Dixfield High School, Miss Thalia Virgin. This is the fourth time that honors in this event have gone to representatives of Dixfield High School and it is the third year in succession that a cup has gone back to Dixfield. Such a showing is very satisfactory to everyone interested in our high school, and that many were interested was clearly shown by the fact that the contestants spoke before the largest audience ever assembled to hear a prize speaking contest in this vicinity. Such interest and appreciation speak volumes for the future of our high school, for it is only in a community where sympathetic interest is actively expressed that we can hope to attain the highest standard of efficiency and effectiveness.

RURAL SCHOOLS

The rural schools of Dixfield have had the best year in their history and the results have been very satisfactory. The teachers have worked for the best interests of the pupils and have been aided in their efforts by the parents who have shown active co-operation in everything tending to the betterment of the schools. This harmony of feeling between parent and teacher is too often lacking in our schools, especially in the rural communities. It is surely all important, since it brings about the mutual harmony of the two forces which have so great a bearing on the welfare of the child—namely, the home and the school. With such understanding and sympathy as this between parent and teacher, our schools cannot fail to be successful.

We were obliged to make a few changes in our teaching force at the beginning of the present year owing to the new state certification law for teachers, but the new teachers have done very well indeed. It seems evident that the new law will work for the betterment of our rural schools espe-

cially, since it tends to make it impossible to employ a teacher who has not had experience in actual school work or the training which is equivalent to it.

REPORTS AND STATISTICS

The Lancaster School has had an average attendance of less than eight for the past year. According to Section 2, Chapter 15, Revised Statutes of 1903, this school must be suspended unless the town votes to maintain it during the ensuing year.

An examination of sight and hearing conducted in accordance with Chapter 73, P. L. 1901, shows the following results:

Total number examined	242
Defective in sight	51
Defective in hearing	18
Parents or guardians notified	49

Following the superintendent's report are the reports of the principal of the high school, the supervisor of music, the truant officer, the statistical table of attendance, the teachers' directory and the financial statement. I trust that they will receive careful attention for it is only by careful attention to these reports that the progress and work of our schools can be thoroughly understood.

It will be noticed that our unexpended balances are very small, but this is due to the fact that our new building has made necessary a great many supplies, etc., which were destroyed in the fire.

CONCLUSION

In concluding, I wish to express my thanks to the teachers for the manner in which they have followed out all suggestions and for the generous support they have given me in trying to better the standard of our schools. It is due to faithful and painstaking work that we have been able to accomplish so much.

I wish to state that the support of the townspeople has been a source of much gratification to the teachers and to myself, for it is a pleasure to be engaged in school work in such a community. The public opinion of interested citizens is a mighty factor in the up-building of the school, for the school will not advance much faster than the sentiment of the community will warrant. The very fact that so great an advancement has been made speaks as much and more for the citizens of Dixfield as it does for those directly connected with educational work.

I feel that we owe a great deal to the members of the school board for the manner in which they have exercised the functions of their office. It is clear that great progress has been made in all lines of school work during the time that the members of our board have been connected with the schools. I feel that it has been and is a great pleasure to be associated with such men in school work and I earnestly hope that they may long continue in office.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. McNAMARA,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is with much pleasure that I submit this, my fourth annual report of Dixfield High School.

The school opened Sept. 21st with forty-three pupils registered. During the fall term one left, leaving forty-two, which number has continued to attend up to the present time.

The average attendance for the fall term was 39.59 or $94\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. On account of the unusual amount of sickness the attendance this winter is considerably lower.

Of the forty-two registered, seventeen are tuition pupils. We are very fortunate in having so large a percentage of out-of-town pupils in that it gives the town a considerable amount of money. More than enough will be received in tuition money to pay the assistant teacher. With our present facilities and equipment we may safely look for a larger number for next year. It seems to me that a conservative estimate is a total enrollment of fifty for the coming year.

I can, with a great deal of pleasure, report on the work done by the pupils. In my four years' connection with the school I have seen nothing like the way in which they perform their work. This is particularly noticeable in the work in English and Physics among the two upper classes. The reason for the interest in Physics is the laboratory and its equipment. I contend that we are giving a course in Physics second to none in the state and with a nominal expenditure for chemicals and apparatus as successful a course may be given in Chemistry next year.

In all classes the quality and quantity of the work accomplished are far superior to that done in past years. Since this is the very thing that we are striving for we have every reason to be pleased with the school and to accept the fact as an incentive to greater effort in the future.

At the present time our interest is centered on the approaching prize speaking contest. The whole school is alive to this activity and each is doing his part. We are enjoying the work and are entering the contest with the true spirit of a contestant. Whether we win or not we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we did our best and have benefited thereby. The prize we desire but it is of secondary importance. This is the attitude of the school and it is the correct one.

The piano lost by the fire has been replaced by a new one and we are at work on a drama for the purpose of paying for it. We expect to realize a good sum from it as the people of Dixfield have always supported us to the very limit in this activity.

The work of the teachers is very satisfactory and all of us wish to express our pleasure in having a fine building in which to work. We endeavor to make the school compare favorably with the building that houses it. The town and the committee in charge are to be congratulated. The town is judged by its streets, its school and its church. I think that the school compares favorably with the other two in this town.

In closing I wish to call to your attention and to the attention of the citizens the need of a parents' and teachers' association. Meetings might be held monthly with great success. Two things above all others might be accomplished. Misunderstandings might be adjusted to the satisfaction of all and again the school and the home could be brought into closer contact. Our school system will not be of its highest efficiency until these two promoters of civilization are made to co-operate. I hope that such an association will exist here before another school year.

Wishing and laboring for the welfare of the schools, I am,

Sincerely yours,

PARKER M. COOPER,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Considering the insufficient number of incomplete books with which we have had to work this year, the children of the first eight grades of the Dixfield Village school have made good progress. They have certainly shown great interest in their music and worked hard to accomplish what was required of them.

The little children in the first two grades have exhibited a marked improvement in singing single tones and scales. In the beginning there were just five children who could keep the key; now there are at least twenty who can sing many little rote songs and exercises.

In the third and fourth grades the children have done very well learning musical terms, signs, etc., and are beginning to get quite an idea of sight reading.

The fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades have acquired quite a little knowledge of the composers, besides learning to read very well in the simple keys. Two part songs have been taken up by the seventh and eighth grade children and a marked improvement shown.

In the limited time allotted me each week it has been my aim to teach the children to breathe correctly, not only when singing in the school room, but at all times. The importance of enunciating clearly, also giving them a little idea of the proper placing of tones. In several cases harsh throaty tones have been replaced by very sweet musical ones.

There are some very good voices, and I see no reason why a fine chorus could not be developed in this school.

Respectfully submitted,

WYNIFRED STAPLES SMITH.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER

To W. S. McNamara, Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the following report of my services as truant officer for the school year ending Feb. 1st, 1916:

Number of cases of absence from school investigated	72
Number of truants returned to school	28
Number of excusable absences	44

I was called outside of the village five times.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DOCKHAM,

Truant Officer.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	NAME OF TEACHER	WINTER TERM			SPRING TERM			FALL TERM		
		No.	Avg.	Per Cent	No.	Avg.	Per Cent	No.	Avg.	Per Cent
High	Harry L. Horne	32	30	93	32	29	90	42	40	98
Gr. VII & VIII	Parker M. Cooper									
	Alice M. Rollins	19	18	94	17	15	88	31	29	93
Gr. V & VI	Thelma Sylvester	44	43	95	43	40	93			
	Ruby S. Cooper							31	27	89
Gr. III & IV	Hilda F. McCrum	30	29	96	30	29	96			
	Florence M. Kidder							38	35	92
Gr. I & II	Sara C. Lane	46	41	90	42	41	97			
	Dora E. Smith	23	20	89	23	20	89	35	33	94
Center	Stella M. Roberts							25	24	96
	N. Madelene Emery	13	11	84	13	11	84			
Towle	Vira B. Andrews							20	18	90
	Florence Duplisea	8	8	100	8	8	100			
Lancaster	Bertha M. White }							5	4+	96
	Marguerite Hall }									
Severy Hill	J. Doris Webb	10	9	90	10	9	90	12	11	91
	Esther M. Schwartz									
Dunn	Orrissa M. Rollins	13	11	84	13	11	84	7	6+	91
Totals		238	220	92	231	213	89	246	227	92

Average for year 91 per cent

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY 1915-1916

NAME	ADDRESS	SCHOOL	GRADE	TRAINING	SALARY	Elected
W. S. McNamara	Ridlonville		Supt. of Schools	University of Maine	\$1,500.00 per yr.	1911
Parker M. Cooper	Dixfield	Central	Prin. High School	University of Maine	1,000.00 " "	1911
Frances H. True	Dixfield	Central	Asst. High School	Bates College	432.00 " "	1915
Alice M. Rollins	Dixfield	Central	Grades VII & VIII	*Farmington Normal	12.00 " wk.	1914
Ruby S. Cooper	Dixfield	Central	Grades V & VI	Freedom Academy	12.00 " "	1915
Florence Kidder	Dixfield	Central	Grades III & IV	Northern Normal	10.50 " "	1915
Sara C. Lane	Dixfield	Central	Grades I & II	Farmington Normal	15.00 " "	1908
Bertha M. White	Dixfield	Lancaster	Rural	*Farmington Normal	9.00 " "	1913
Marguerite Hall	Dixfield	Lancaster	Rural	Mexico High School	9.00 " "	1916
Vira B. Andrews	Dixfield	Towle	Rural	*Farmington Normal	9.00 " "	1913
Stella Roberts	Dixfield	Center	Rural	Farmington Normal	10.00 " "	1915
Orrissa Rollins	North Jay	Dunn	Rural	*Farmington Normal	9.00 " "	1914
Esther Schwartz	North Jay	Severy Hill	Rural	Winthrop H. School	8.50 " "	1915
Winnifred S. Smith	Dixfield	Supervisor	of Singing	Pratt Institute	1.50 " "	1915

*Indicates Partial Course

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

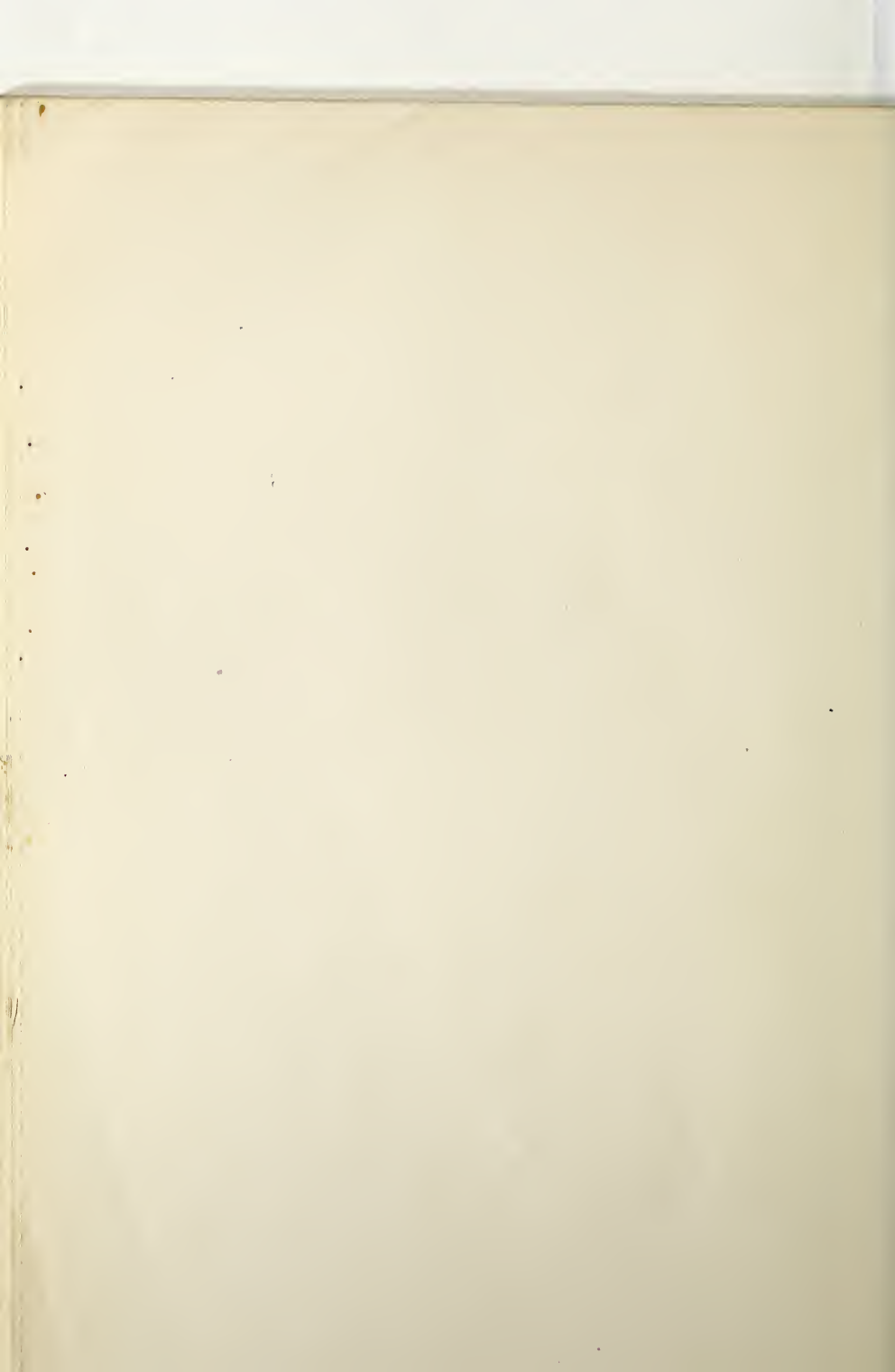
ACCOUNT	BALANCE March 1, 1915	APPRO- PRIATED March 1, 1915	RECEIVED from STATE	RECEIVED from BUILDING COM.	RECEIVED from OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	TOTAL EXPENDI- TURES	BALANCE UNEX- PENDED
Common School	\$72.16	\$2,000.00	\$2,447.70		\$261.95	\$4,781.81	\$4,781.81	*
High School	.37	500.00	500.00		430.00	1,430.37	1,266.92	\$163.45 **
Books & Supplies	4.79	350.00		\$356.43	77.15	788.37	788.37	
Repairs	10.96	100.00			40.88	151.84	151.84	
Laboratory	5.90		150.00		47.23	203.13	203.13	
Superintendence		210.00				210.00	210.00	
New Building				643.57		643.57	643.57	
Totals	94.18	\$3,160.00	\$3,097.70	\$1,000.00	\$857.21	\$8,209.09	\$8,045.64	\$163.45

* \$115.00 due from tuition

** \$180.00 due from tuition



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Annual Report



DIXFIELD



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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Municipal Officers
OF THE
TOWN OF DIXFIELD
FOR THE
Year Ending February 12, 1917

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Town Officers

CLERK

BURTON MURDOCK

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

WILLIS W. WAITE, FRANK STANLEY
W. W. ROLLINS

TREASURER

C. L. DILLINGHAM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

GEO. C. GRAY, E. L. STETSON
W. S. MARBLE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PARKER COOPER

ROAD COMMISSIONERS

SELECTMEN

TAX COLLECTOR

JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS

BOARD OF HEALTH

J. S. STURTEVANT, M. D. W. M. PEASE, M. D.
FRANK ALLEN

Report of Selectmen

Report of the Selectmen of the town of Dixfield for the year ending Feb. 12, 1917.

Value of real estate, resident,	\$406,505.00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	48,950.00
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Total real estate,	\$455,455.00
Value of personal estate, resident,	\$119,630.00
Value of personal estate, non-resident,	11,200.00
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Total personal estate,	\$130,830.00
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Total valuation,	\$586,285.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

For common schools,	\$3,000.00
Books and supplies,	350.00
Repairs,	175.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Payment time orders due,	1,000.00
Payment time orders interest,	590.00
Municipal officers,	700.00
Hydrant rental,	300.00
Public library,	200.00
Support of poor,	650.00
Roads and bridges,	3,200.00
Interest on cemetery funds,	66.00
Laboratory,	200.00
Free high school,	500.00
State aid road,	533.00
Superintendence,	225.00
Street lights, East Dixfield,	50.00
State aid road,	62.00
Repair streets in Dixfield village,	300.00

Insurance and lights, High School,	300.00	
State tax,	2,834.45	
County tax,	622.81	
Overlay,	308.70	
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Total commitment,		\$16,211.96
Number of polls,		323
Number of polls not taxed,		16
Rate of poll tax,		3.00
Rate of property tax,		.026
Amount of poll tax,	\$ 969.00	
Amount of property tax,	15,242.96	
	<hr/>	\$16,211.96

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS.

	NO.	AV. VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Horses,	237	\$89.49	\$22,210.00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs.,	9	58.03	525.00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs.,	11	37.72	415.00
Colts under 2 yrs.,	22	32.86	725.00
Cows,	387	27.32	10,575.00
3 yr.-olds,	90	22.50	2,025.00
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Total value of live stock,			\$36,475.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Bank stock,	\$ 9,400.00	
Other companys stock,	4,500.00	
Money at interest,	1,000.00	
Stock in trade,	19,650.00	
Shipping,	870.00	
Logs and lumber,	20,500.00	
Automobiles,	15,850.00	
Musical instruments,	7,225.00	
Finished products in mills,	3,710.00	
Other property,	450.00	
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Value of other personal property,		\$83,155.00
Total value of personal property,		\$119,630.00

COMMON SCHOOLS.

Teachers' salaries,	\$3,507.90
Janitors' service,	440.00
Conveyance of scholars,	629.75
Fuel,	623.46
Tuition (Wilton),	384.31
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Total,	\$5,585.42
Appropriation,	\$3,000.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Town of Mexico,	320.02
Common school fund,	962.70
School mill fund,	1,071.56
P. M. Cooper, tuition (private pupils),	32.71
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Total,	\$5,431.99
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Overdrawn,	\$153.43

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Teachers' salaries,	\$1,453.29
Janitor's service,	90.00
Fuel,	182.99
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	\$1,726.28
Appropriation,	\$500.00
Unexpended balance,	163.45
Received from state,	500.00
Received from Peru (tuition),	460.00
Received from Carthage (tuition),	40.00
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Total,	\$1,663.45
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Overdrawn,	\$62.83
Due from Peru,	\$70.00

 BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Orders drawn,		\$457.16
Appropriation,	\$350.00	
Received for P. M. Cooper,	50.47	
	<hr/>	\$400.47
Overdrawn,		\$56.69
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		\$457.16

REPAIRS SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Appropriation,	\$175.00	
Unexpended,	17.79	
Received P. M. Cooper, bldg. sold,	16.41	
	<hr/>	\$209.20

AMOUNT EXPENDED.

Orders drawn,	\$209.20
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LABORATORY.

Appropriated,	\$200.00	
Balance due bldg. sold, P. M. Cooper,	10.74	
	<hr/>	\$210.74
Overdrawn,		46.49
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		\$257.23
Orders drawn,		\$257.23

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT.

Appropriation,	\$225.00	
Unexpended balance,	1.25	
	<hr/>	\$226.25

ORDERS DRAWN.

C. E. Glover,	\$60.00	
P. M. Cooper,	120.00	
	<hr/>	\$180.00
Unexpended balance,		46.25
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		\$226.25

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

Unexpended balance,	\$ 27.77	
Appropriation,	700.00	
Transferred from unappropriated fund,	15.01	
	<u> </u>	\$742.78

ORDERS DRAWN.

Geo. W. Dockham, truant officer,	\$ 25.00	
E. L. Stetson, school board,	10.00	
Geo. C. Gray, school board,	10.00	
W. S. Marble, school board,	10.00	
W. W. Waite, 1st selectman,	125.00	
Frank Stanley, 2nd selectman,	60.00	
W. W. Rollins, 3rd selectman,	60.00	
J. P. Edmunds, dog constable,	10.00	
J. P. Edmunds, town constable,	15.00	
J. P. Edmunds, collector of taxes,	324.23	
C. L. Dillingham, treasurer,	75.00	
B. K. Murdock, clerk,	18.55	
	<u> </u>	\$742.78

SEWER ACCOUNT.

Unexpended,	\$332.85	
Alton Brown, entering sewer,	25.00	
Charles Towle, entering sewer,	25.00	
C. P. Ricker,	25.00	
H. H. Luce,	25.00	
H. B. Marsh,	25.00	
N. S. Stowell,	25.00	
E. H. Virgin,	25.00	
	<u> </u>	\$507.85
Orders drawn,	\$152.30	
By balance,	355.55	
	<u> </u>	\$507.85

HYDRANT RENTAL.

Appropriation,	\$300.00	
Paid Dixfield Village Corp., order No. 259,	\$150.00	
Paid Dixfield Village Corp., order No. 356,	150.00	
	<u> </u>	\$300.00

 MEMORIAL DAY.

No orders drawn.	
Balance,	\$75.00

DIXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Orders drawn,	\$200.00
Appropriation,	\$200.00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS AT EAST DIXFIELD.

Unexpended balance,	\$.18	
Appropriation,	50.00	
	<u> </u>	\$50.18
Orders drawn,	\$45.87	
Balance,	4.31	
	<u> </u>	\$50.18

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES.

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$435.67	
By transfer unexpended balance,	9.25	
	<u> </u>	\$444.92

ORDERS DRAWN.

Journal, town reports,	\$80.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books,	12.55
J. W. Perkins, B. & D.,	1.25
Kidder Bros., ferry,	9.65
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	3.00
W. T. Eustis, moderator,	4.00
Mrs. Susie E. Holman, sheep,	48.00
W. C. Hall, sheep,	12.00
G. L. Lothrop, watering tub,	3.00
Geo. Porter, ballot clerk,	12.00
J. P. Johnson, ballot clerk,	12.00
Geo. Dockam, ballot clerk,	12.00
Chas. Foster, ballot clerk,	12.00
Newell White, moth notices,	1.75
P. M. Stamps, stamps,	2.57
G. P. Torrey, sheep killed,	30.00
F. W. Morrison, sheep killed,	5.25

H. Paine, measuring roads,	7.00	
Geo. Moye, guide board,	8.50	
W. W. Waite, poor account,	11.95	
W. W. Waite, poor account,	11.55	
F. W. Morrison,	2.00	
Elmer Brown, Peru, ferry,	8.00	
C. H. Robinson,	8.80	
W. W. Waite, tel. and stamps,	1.65	
D. W. Berry, laying out roads to E. Dixfield,	2.50	
Dr. J. M. Sturtevant, births and deaths,	2.50	
A. Whitman,	2.50	
C. E. Dunham, measuring roads,	10.10	
J. S. Sturtevant,	10.00	
J. S. Sturtevant, births and deaths,	2.50	
V. O. White,	2.25	
W. T. Eustis, ferry bond,	5.00	
Fred Weld, horse drowned,	75.00	
Frank Brown, team,	8.00	
Kidder Bros., ferry,	3.10	
W. M. Pease, death certificate,	1.00	
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Total,		\$444.92
Unexpended balance,	\$435.67	
Town of Peru (ferry),	17.27	
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		\$452.94
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Balance,		\$8.02

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST.

EUSTIS FUND—\$500.00.

Balance of old account,	\$65.31	
Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	20.00	
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		\$85.31
No orders drawn.		

ROSENA CUMMINGS FUND—\$50.00.

Balance of old account,	\$31.00	
Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	2.00	
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		\$33.00
No orders drawn.		

 RIVERSIDE FUND—\$1,000.00.

Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	\$40.00	
	<u> </u>	\$40.00
Paid J. M. Holland, order No. 353,	\$40.00	
	<u> </u>	\$40.00

GLINES FUND—\$50.00.

Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	\$2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland, order No. 354,	\$2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2.00

KNOWLES FUND—\$50.00.

Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	\$2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland, order No. 355,	\$2.00	
	<u> </u>	\$2.00

GREENWOOD CEMETERY.

Unexpended balance,	\$39.01	
Rec'd from Mrs. Ada Hammons,	30.00	
Mrs. Lottie R. Bisbee,	30.00	
Mrs. Verna Rand,	30.00	
Ethel Robinson,	30.00	
Arthur Coffin,	8.50	
	<u> </u>	\$167.51
Paid H. W. Beedy, labor,	\$ 8.00	
Paid H. B. Marsh, labor,	12.00	
	<u> </u>	\$20.00
		<u> </u>
Balance,		\$147.51

SEVERY HILL CEMETERY.

Cr. By unexpended balance,	\$2.93
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DUNN CEMETERY.

Cr. By unexpended balance,	\$50.00
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 HOSE HOUSE.

Cr. By unexpended balance,	\$77.95
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DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

Cr. By unexpended balance,	\$84.50
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

By appropriation,	\$650.00	
By received of James McCalles to account		
Mrs. Glines,	33.50	
	<hr/>	\$683.50
Overdrawn,		74.32
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		\$757.82
Support of Perry boy, 1915, board,	\$42.00	
John Porter, 1915, V. O.		
White, M. D.,	11.37	
	<hr/>	\$53.37
Support of James McAllister, rent,	\$ 38.50	
Hiram Stone,	242.90	
Geo. Blake,	208.80	
Geo. Flagg,	97.75	
James McAllister's wife and		
two children,	49.00	
Mrs. Jane Glines,	65.00	
Tramps,	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$757.82

STATE PAUPER, FRANK NEWELL.

Orders drawn,	\$427.79
Received from State,	\$261.16
Balance due from State,	166.63
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	\$427.79

MRS. ADDIE M. LOVEJOY.

	CR.	
By rents received,		\$176.95
Overdrawn,		38.05
	DR.	
To orders,		\$215.00

TIME ORDER DUE.

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,000.00
Paid Verdurena Ludden,	\$1,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,000.00

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS.

E. L. Torrey,	\$20.00	
E. L. Torrey,	10.00	
R. F. Trust Co.,	75.00	
Verdurena Ludden,	10.00	
J. P. Johnson,	22.81	
J. P. Johnson,	10.00	
Verdurena Ludden,	20.00	
Zerna E. White,	54.00	
E. L. Torrey,	20.00	
E. L. Torrey,	10.00	
R. F. Trust Co.,	75.00	
Verdurena Ludden,	12.50	
J. P. Johnson,	15.98	
R. F. Trust Co.,	40.28	
R. F. Trust Co.,	7.54	
Verdurena Ludden,	26.80	
J. P. Johnson,	16.67	
R. F. Trust Co.,	36.25	
Elmer Brown,	40.00	
Zerna E. White,	54.00	
P. W. Torrey,	12.00	
G. R. Torrey,	66.00	
	<u> </u>	
Total,		\$654.83
Appropriation,	\$590.00	
Unexpended balance,	24.98	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	39.85	
	<u> </u>	\$654.83

 OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS.

530	Nov. 16, 1907, G. P. Torrey,	\$300.00
102	June 5, 1908, McGregor Bros.,	1,140.00
142	June 29, 1908, E. E. Brown,	1,000.00
		<hr/> \$2,440.00

Issued on account temporary loans authorized at special town meeting, March 15, 1909.

608	Apr. 1, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	\$500.00
609	Apr. 8, 1909, J. P. Johnston,	500.00
689	Apr. 8, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
695	May 20, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
		<hr/> \$1,400.00

Issued on account of first school house.

103	June 16, 1909, Zerna E. White,	\$1,000.00
	Due July 1, 1919	
197	Aug. 3, 1909, Zerna E. White,	1,000.00
	Due Aug. 3, 1918	
225	Aug. 4, 1909, P. W. Torrey,	300.00
	Due Aug. 2, 1917	
257	Aug. 25, 1909, Zerna E. White,	700.00
	Due Aug. 28, 1917	
		<hr/> \$3,000.00

Issued on account school house addition.

772	July 27, 1914, J. P. Johnston,	\$500.00
909	Oct. 5, 1914, E. L. Torrey,	500.00
1211	Feb. 13, 1915, J. P. Johnston,	299.19
		<hr/> \$1,299.19

Issued on account new school house.

1422	Sept. 1, 1915, E. L. Torrey,	\$1,000.00
1423	Aug. 31, 1916, G. P. Torrey,	450.00
1468	Oct. 1, 1915, Verdurena Ludden,	500.00

Note held by Rumford Falls Trust Co. for \$3,000.00 at 5% has been changed to order

341	Jan. 13, 1917, J. P. Johnson,	\$1,500.00
343	Jan. 13, 1917, Verdurena Ludden,	1,500.00
		<hr/> \$4,950.00

Total outstanding loans,	<hr/> \$13,089.82
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STATE AID ROADS.

Balance forward,	\$875.51
C. P. Howe, fgt.,	1.50
E. Corey & Co., bridge,	142.60
Dixfield Toothpick Co., cement,	49.00
E. Corey & Co.,	7.20
Gates & Harlow,	10.00
Erlon Berry,	3.75
Howard Rand,	5.25
G. J. Brown,	2.50
Will Dunham, mill work,	3.55
Inspection,	22.90
	<u>\$1,100.86</u>

Cr. by appropriation,	\$533.00
Received from State,	510.24
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	57.62
	<u>\$1,100.86</u>

MAINTENANCE STATE ROAD.

By amount appropriated,	\$ 62.00
Check from State,	170.00
Transferred from highway money,	194.35
	<u>\$426.35</u>
Dr. to amount expended by State by I. O. Babb,	\$426.35

STATE AID ROADS.

DR.

Perley Judkins,	\$10.00
Hillary Harlow,	10.00
L. P. Knox,	11.00
C. P. Howe, fgt.,	7.81
Chas. Dunham,	1.50
Geo. W. Coats,	3.50
Harry Coats,	3.50
Hiram Howe,	9.00
Chas. Eustis,	93.37
Harry Rand,	228.88
Erland Berry,	63.12
Carl Rand,	49.45
Ben Brown,	50.53

Perley Judkins,	53.42
Hillary Harlow,	53.42
K. K. Brackett,	79.88
Alton Brown,	3.52
Edgar Stevens,	22.50
Arthur White,	39.24
E. C. Judkins,	22.50
John Putnam,	5.00
Will Childs,	37.12
C. P. Howe,	1.00
Chas. Eustis, gravel,	15.00
Henry Knight,	1.25
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	\$875.51

ROADS AND BRIDGES, SUMMER.

N. H. Campbell (1915),	\$ 9.62
A. Whitman (watering tub),	2.50
Stillman Harlow,	11.00
Leon L. Knapp,	5.00
Jason Adams,	58.50
L. H. Humphrey,	32.62
V. Morrison,	9.85
Leon L. Knapp,	8.00
Joe Ritchie,	1.75
G. R. Hunnewell (dynamite),	63.00
Guy Merrill,	8.75
Ernest Packard,	2.80
K. K. Brackett,	27.00
F. M. Marshall,	50.00
Claude Brown,	13.38
Leon Knapp,	5.00
K. K. Brackett,	73.00
Sluice Pipe,	21.60
Everett Packard,	5.25
Dan Holman,	4.38
F. M. Marshall,	40.00
Sewell Mayhew,	2.10
Ellsworth Haines,	10.00
Ellsworth Haines,	2.00
Ernest Holman,	5.00
S. V. Harlow,	4.00

C. P. Howe (fgt. and trucking),	3.00
W. C. Hall,	27.50
Joe Hannaford,	5.25
Herbert Hannaford,	9.62
F. L. Babcock,	3.00
Guy Merrill,	3.50
A. L. Holman,	15.00
Leon Knapp,	4.00
John Steel,	15.20
A. G. Hathaway,	12.00
J. W. Adams,	22.50
C. H. Eustis,	10.30
P. W. Torrey,	2.00
N. V. Torrey,	3.74
C. E. Danforth,	2.00
J. G. Hutchinson,	2.00
F. M. Marshall,	25.00
Fred Whitten,	10.50
Thos. Harlow,	5.00
Guy Merrill,	11.62
Chester Grover,	15.40
D. B. Holman,	35.30
Guy Merrill,	5.00
J. S. Adams,	27.00
W. L. Paul,	1.00
H. W. Merrill,	10.00
Claude Merrill,	7.12
Jason Adams,	36.00
L. R. Hall,	8.75
W. A. Whitman,	14.90
Joe Carvill,	18.00
J. W. Brown,	14.87
M. L. Walton,	19.00
D. A. Adams,	1.75
Ben Berry,	14.00
Thos. Harlow,	20.00
Herbert Roby,	4.00
F. M. Marshall,	85.27
Arthur Hiscock,	4.00
Chester Coolidge,	6.00
B. D. Coolidge,	25.50
J. P. Edmonds,	6.20
G. W. Dockham,	4.70
John Putnam,	4.00

L. B. Hall,	2.00
W. C. Bailey,	3.00
L. H. Humphrey,	20.00
A. L. Douglas,	31.50
A. L. Holman,	32.75
Robert Leonard,	18.37
M. E. Reed,	3.15
John Grover,	6.75
Geo. E. Carleton,	18.98
B. D. Coolidge,	2.25
G. I. Fletcher,	5.25
L. M. Eustis,	3.00
L. M. Eustis,	1.75
A. L. Carleton,	22.16
Frank Holman,	20.12
Delmont Hall,	13.75
M. H. Douglass,	61.90
George Ricker,	2.00
C. P. Howe,	26.00
Harris Holman,	2.00
W. L. Paul,	3.50
R. S. Watson,	4.37
E. E. Winter,	2.50
J. S. Adams,	15.25
G. L. Lathrop,	13.87
Glendon Babb,	5.25
Joe Arsnauld,	17.00
G. W. Dockham,	5.00
Harlan G. Childs,	7.00
A. W. Burgess,	7.20
Guy Hutchinson,	3.50
J. W. Brown,	2.00
G. W. Dockham,	2.00
E. L. Torrey,	5.50
Fred Whitten,	4.00
J. S. Adams,	22.50
George Stevens,	14.00
L. H. Humphrey,	10.00
J. M. Steel,	9.00
C. P. Howe,	56.65
George Ricker,	1.00
E. E. Holman,	11.44
Raymond Penley,	7.02

G. C. Knapp,	3.50
Chas. Eustis,	10.00
Frank Marshall,	25.00
John Putnam,	7.50
A. V. Pillsbury,	14.91
E. H. Childs,	36.96
W. M. Andrews,	7.00
John Tucker,	7.87
George Stevens,	6.00
W. E. Smith,	6.00
S. V. Harlon,	3.50
A. R. Coolidge,	7.00
Guy Merrill,	5.25
W. H. Smith,	4.90
Elmer Flag,	12.95
Jason Adams,	31.50
S. L. Philbrick,	7.00
George Stephens,	2.00
Dan Holman,	3.50
S. V. Harlon,	2.00
Guy Merrill,	3.50
W. W. Wait, plank,	1.80
I. O. Babb,	35.50
Walter Wright,	6.00
W. E. Wright,	12.47
Frank Holman,	4.00
L. G. Blanchard,	3.50
V. O. White, watering tub,	2.50
Clyde Paul,	22.50
D. B. Holman,	8.25
Clyde Wright,	7.47
Jason Adams,	9.00
A. G. Howard,	17.87
C. H. Eustis,	22.89
W. F. Drown,	46.00
E. E. Holman,	6.40
Myron Holman,	17.00
W. A. Paul,	18.00
E. D. Packard,	19.24
H. G. Thayer & Co., plank,	93.83
Fred Welds,	3.75
Ellery Porter,	10.46
Vivian Morrison,	6.75
D. E. Cooledge,	19.75

M. E. Cooledge,	23.62
D. E. Russell,	12.75
H. C. Smith,	3.50
E. L. Torrey,	8.00
Alex Holman, plank,	1.44
H. W. Merrill,	33.25
B. F. Berry,	2.00
C. P. Howe,	9.31
J. W. Dunham,	7.90
Harry Lord,	1.75
W. W. Rollins,	53.83
G. M. Walton,	18.50
E. R. Fuller,	8.00
Charles Durrell,	6.00
Arthur White,	2.00
C. C. Smith,	5.50
G. L. Lathrop,	7.75
W. W. Rollins,	128.22
W. E. Wilder, plank,	22.95
P. W. Torrey,	1.00
G. H. Towle,	16.60
K. K. Brackett, damage in gravel,	10.00
K. K. Brackett,	20.00
K. K. Brackett,	18.00
Joe Hayes,	5.00
C. L. Dillingham,	21.72
Charles Towle,	30.11
M. L. Walton, lumber and plank,	4.88
W. F. Drown,	2.25
C. C. Smith,	11.00
H. L. Bruce, repairs,	9.35
J. P. Edmonds,	2.10
Guy Merrill,	7.00
G. P. Torrey,	3.50
W. A. Paul,	28.00
A. L. Carleton,	4.85
J. W. Adams,	9.00

Total,	\$2,877.58
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WINTER WORK, ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1917.

David Parillo,	\$9.00
John Putnam,	5.00
M. L. Walton,	1.92
Harry Whittan,	5.15
A. Whittan,	7.24
C. P. Howe,	11.00
Del Adams,	3.36
G. W. Robinson,	3.15
B. F. Berry,	4.54
Ellery Porter,	3.50
Fred Weld,	2.25
Arthur Weld,	2.75
G. P. Torrey,	6.80
G. P. Torrey,	2.05
Gus Chandler,	15.65
W. T. Chandler,	18.82
G. M. Walton,	1.40
L. W. Blanchard,	7.92
W. E. Smith,	4.20
C. C. Smith,	2.75
A. P. Coolidge,	11.68
W. H. Smith,	12.11
A. A. Waite,	20.00
A. G. Hathaway,	12.75
A. L. Douglas,	14.40
Walter Wright,	6.75
C. S. Wright,	3.00
F. Holman,	6.70
Dennis Russell,	8.55
N. Coolidge,	4.70
W. M. Andrews,	7.30
E. R. Fuller,	2.00
D. B. Holman,	7.50
W. W. Rollins,	20.00
G. L. Lothrop,	18.95
A. V. Pillsbury,	18.78
John Tucker,	10.75
H. E. Coolidge,	14.60
A. L. Holman,	3.15
D. C. Coolidge,	4.50
D. Hall,	9.50

Elmer Flagg,	6.00
George E. Carleton,	25.00
Jason Adams,	22.85
W. C. Hall,	12.00
Leavitt Masterman,	3.60
W. F. Drown,	15.00
Dell Adams,	2.25
A. Whitman,	14.49
E. D. Packard,	7.75
L. E. Holman,	2.00
Bert Coolidge,	2.50
Clyde Paul,	2.50
W. C. Porter,	10.00
Myron Holman,	9.00
Walter Holman,	15.75
Geo. Porter,	24.65
J. W. Adams,	10.50
D. B. Holman,	7.25
Joseph Hannaford,	11.95
A. L. Carleton,	1.05
M. L. Walton,	4.92
C. H. Eustis,	14.20
J. G. Hutchinson,	5.33
Nelson Rose,	17.30
W. V. Torrey,	3.33
W. P. Torrey,	13.75
F. W. Morrison,	8.00
Joseph Curneil,	2.75
John Putnam,	9.25
J. W. Adams,	9.25
Hiram Howard,	3.20
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Total for 1917,	\$633.49
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Total.	\$1,276.55

WINTER WORK, 1916.

Harris Fish,	\$ 2.60
Clayton Turner,	2.63
Elwin Hannaford,	1.23
Theo Kidder,	1.10
Joe Hannaford,	13.50

George Hannaford,	1.35
Herbert Hannaford,	4.50
Ellery Porter, 1915,	2.38
Ellery Porter,	4.08
S. D. Rand,	21.25
Milford Reed, 1915,	2.00
E. F. Taylor,	3.00
Guy Hutchinson,	1.05
G. W. Robinson,	2.05
M. L. Walton,	12.40
W. C. Hall,	7.80
Delmar Holman,	27.75
Jason Adams,	15.75
C. P. Howe,	9.00
W. F. Chandler,	13.50
Harris Fish,	2.45
Clayton Turner,	2.45
A. T. Berry,	3.50
A. W. Burgess,	1.75
W. F. Chandler,	3.75
W. H. Smith,	17.00
W. E. Smith,	2.90
R. C. Bangs,	7.00
George L. Lathrop,	23.75
Frank Holman,	9.45
A. L. Holman,	22.25
D. B. Holman,	5.00
Leon Smith, 1915,	6.00
Leon Smith, 1916,	8.80
H. E. Coolidge,	23.43
A. L. Douglass,	9.85
M. H. Douglass,	19.63
D. C. Coolidge,	10.00
G. T. Porter,	20.98
M. L. Holman,	4.08
Stillman Harlon,	4.42
E. L. Torrey,	2.90
Merton Holman,	1.20
Clyde S. Wright,	7.14
John Tucker,	12.30
A. R. Coolidge,	5.25
L. W. Blanchard,	5.25
A. A. Wait,	18.00
W. W. Rollins,	16.00

G. M. Walton,	9.03
E. P. Rollins,	12.00
Raymond Penley,	16.00
Arthur Hatherway,	8.20
W. M. Andrews,	10.37
J. W. Adams,	18.00
N. V. Torrey,	4.73
P. W. Torrey,	17.52
C. H. Eustis,	16.60
John F. Grover,	6.00
Fred Weld,	17.42
Herbert Beedy,	1.00
Chester Coolidge,	3.20
B. D. Coolidge,	3.45
John Steel,	2.50
Harland G. Child,	6.00
M. E. Reed,	6.00
Elmer Flagg,	10.98
A. V. Pillsbury,	14.56
W. F. Drown,	9.60
E. R. Fuller,	8.00
C. C. Smith,	9.80
W. E. and C. E. Towle,	2.70
K. K. Brackett,	4.00
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Total,	\$643.06

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Summer Work,	\$2,728.65
Winter Work,	1,276.55
Cutting Bushes,	148.93
Transferred to Maintenance Account,	194.35
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	\$4,348.48

Credit by

Unexpended Balance,	\$ 561.87
Appropriation,	3,200.00
Transferred from Unappropriated Funds,	586.61
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	\$4,348.48

GRAVELING STREETS.

Appropriation,		\$300.00
Hiram Holman,	\$ 5.00	
Clifford Luce,	8.00	
Harris Holman,	2.00	
J. W. Brown,	12.00	
Joe LeClair,	10.60	
Geo. Dorkham,	13.60	
Guy Merrill,	12.80	
Frank Marshall,	47.40	
Ed Merrill,	1.00	
J. M. Steele,	34.68	
Evander Judkins,	30.00	
Will Childs,	32.50	
Henry Merrill,	22.30	
H. H. Luce,	1.00	
Edgar Stevens,	4.75	
C. P. Howe,	50.50	
Mrs. E. S. Tainter, damage,	10.00	
To Balance,	1.87	
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		\$300.00
Unexpended Balance,		\$1.87

GRAVELING STREETS BY VOTE OF SPECIAL
TOWN MEETING.

Guy Merrill,	\$ 7.20
Geo. Dockham,	4.00
Fred Whittemore,	9.00
Stewart Hammond,	7.20
Guy Merrill,	10.00
Harold Blaisdell,	6.00
Frank Marshall,	50.00
Fred Witham,	8.00
Henry Hall,	4.90
Geo. Stevens,	8.00
Henry Merrill,	37.88
John Steele,	21.00
H. H. Luce,	10.00
Fred Witham,	7.80
C. P. Howe,	54.60
Porter Stowell,	14.30
Guy Merrill,	9.80

Harry Brown,	12.75	
Geo. Dockham,	2.00	
C. P. Howe,	53.00	
G. J. Brown,	5.00	
J. M. Steel,	4.25	
C. Small,	2.00	
F. Marshall,	53.83	
E. C. Judkins,	21.00	
	<hr/>	\$423.51

GRAVELING MILL STREET.

By order drawn,	\$125.00
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	\$548.51

Credit by	
Transferred from Unappropriated Funds,	548.51

ABATEMENTS.

Philip Andrews, paid in Canton,	\$ 3.00	
Eddie Cyr, not here,	3.00	
A. E. Blaisdell, poor,	3.00	
Ben Brown, paid in Carthage,	3.00	
Arthur Coffin, gone,	3.00	
Walter Chase, paid in Phillips,	3.00	
Ernest Dunn, paid in Canton,	3.00	
Otto Haines, mistake,	3.00	
Delmer Holman, mistake,	7.80	
Harold Holman, paid in Andover,	3.00	
John Hodgson, paid in Bryant's Pond,	3.00	
George Hannaford,	3.00	
Addie Lovejoy, partly supported by town,	26.00	
H. McDougal, unknown,	3.00	
Albert McDougal, unknown,	3.00	
Lester Sanborn, paid in Weld,	3.00	
On piano owned by Hanson, paid in Rumford,	1.95	
Alvan Virgin, paid in Carthage,	3.00	
H. Whittemore, pauper,	3.00	
Henry Holman, error,	2.60	
W. E. Wilder, paid in Wilton,	18.20	
Lacy Newton, paid in Mass.,	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$107.55

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS.

Abatements,	\$107.55
Transferred to	
Roads and Bridges,	586.61
State Aid Road,	57.62
Graveling Streets,	548.51
Municipal Officers,	15.01
Interest on Time Orders,	39.85
Repair School Building,	17.79
Balance,	177.30
	<hr/> \$1,550.24

Unexpended balance,	\$1,097.81
Unexpended balance New School House,	17.79
Unexpended Balance Riverside Cemetery	
Fence,	15.98
Cash received for paint,	14.00
Wood,	2.50
Overlay,	308.70
S. L. Hammons, license,	10.00
Frank Stanley, license,	10.00
R. R. and Telephone tax,	25.05
Dog License refund,	46.41
E. E. Bubier, auctioneer's license,	2.00
	<hr/> \$1,550.24

BALANCE SHEET.

Bal. Unappropriated Funds 177.30

Superintendence,	\$46.25
Miscellaneous Town Charges,	8.02
Street Lights—East Dixfield,	4.31
Repair of Streets (gravel),	1.87
Sewer Account,	355.55
Insurance and Lights,	50.95
Greenwood Cemetery,	147.51
Memorial Day,	75.00
Severy Hill Cemetery,	2.93
Dunn Cemetery Fence,	50.00
Hose House,	77.95
Dixfield Fire Co.,	84.50
Eustis Fund,	85.31
Cummings Fund,	33.00
	<hr/> \$1200.45

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding Loans,	\$13,089.82
Cemetery Funds held in trust,	1,650.00
Common Schools, overdraft,	153.43
Books and Supplies, overdraft,	56.69
Free High School, overdraft,	62.83
Support of Poor, overdraft,	279.00
Laboratory,	46.49
Due Wilton for Tuition—approximately,	350.00
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Total,	\$15,688.26

RESOURCES.

Due from State account Frank Newell,	\$166.63
Due from State for sheep killed,	95.25
Due from Peru, Free High School Tuition,	70.00
Dynamite on hand,	54.40
Tiling on hand,	14.00
Cash in Treasury,	596.89
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Total,	\$999.17

Net Amount Liabilities,	\$14,689.09
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Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WAITE,
FRANK STANLEY,
W. W. ROLLINS,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

INVENTORY OF ROAD TOOLS ON HAND.

1 Road Machine	4 Iron Crow Bars
1 Snow Roller	3 Picks
2 New Stone Drags	10 Shovels
2 Tined Hoës	
3 Rock Drills	
1 Sledge Hammer	

Warrant For Town Meeting

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE.

To Joseph P. Edmonds, a Constable of the Town of Dixfield in said County,

GREETING :

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dixfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1917, being the fifth day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit :

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of poor for ensuing year.

Art. 4. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To choose one or more members of the School Board.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending Feb. 12, 1917.

Art. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts next year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase Books and Supplies, to repair School-houses, Permanent School Fund, to pay Outstanding Fine Orders due, to pay Interest on Outstanding Fine Orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay Hydrant Rental, Public Library, Support of Poor, to repair Roads and Bridges, to pay Interest on Cemetery Funds, Fire Protection, Miscellaneous Town Charges, and defray all other Town Charges.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will vote to raise for support of same.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid, as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges: the above amount being the maximum amount which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the running expenses of the Town till the taxes can be collected, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to build a Boat for Peru Ferry, so called, and how much money, if any, they will vote for same, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept of the town way as laid out by the Selectmen. Commencing at a point on the westerly line of Weld Street at the northeast corner of land owned and occupied by Henry H. Luce, thence westerly over land of Henry H. Luce, and over land of E. Etta Holman to High Street, so called.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept of the town way as laid out by the Selectmen. Commencing at a point on the westerly line of Pine Street 50 feet southerly from the southeast corner of the homestead occupied by Henry Orvis Rowe; thence northerly 60 degrees west 375 feet and to be known as "Rowe Street" over land of the Forster Mfg. Co. and land of Henry Orvis Rowe; thence north 30 degrees east over the land of the Forster Mfg. Co. 529.5 feet and to be known as "Sugar Loaf Avenue"; thence south 60 degrees east over land of the Forster Mfg. Co., land of the Dixfield Toothpick Co., and land of John S. Harlow 378.8 feet to said Pine Street. Said way to be 50 feet wide.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to accept of the town way as laid out by the selectmen, a street two rods wide, to be known as "Pleasant Street" in the village of East Dixfield. Beginning at the southern end of the bridge on the Severy Hill road, so called, in East Dixfield Village and running across land owned by Mrs. Susan J. R. Babb and land owned by Walter Fletcher, in an easterly direc-

tion along side of and parallel with a wire fence on land of said Walter Fletcher as far as land owned by C. H. Holman.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise to build a lockup in Dixfield Village, or act in any way in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise to build a snow fence near Marble's Ice Pond on the Valley Road.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to sell the schoolhouse and lot in the Paul District, so called, and authorize the town Treasurer to deed the same.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$50.00 for the purpose of grading, ditching and furnishing drain pipe on the piece of road leading from Dennis Russell's to the Dunn Cemetery, so called, in said town, providing the undersigned inhabitants will agree to furnish like sum in labor or money, the same to be done on or before October 10, 1917. The undersigned do agree to furnish the sum which is set against their names.

(Signed) W. M. Andrews,	\$10.00
D. E. Russell,	10.00
Elmer Flagg,	10.00
George Lothrop,	10.00
Erwin R. Fuller,	10.00

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise by loan or otherwise for the purpose of repairing the streets of Dixfield Village.

W. W. WAITE,
FRANK STANLEY,
W. W. ROLLINS,
Selectmen of Dixfield.

Treasurer's Report

1916		DR.	
Mar.	1	To cash balance from 1915 account,	\$3,105.30
	2	To cash from Town of Mexico, account Common Schools,	117.50
Apr.	27	To cash from State Treasurer, support of poor,	56.07
May	1	To cash from Ada L. Hammons, ceme- tery lot,	30.00
	27	To cash from Lottie R. Bisbee, ceme- tery lot,	30.00
	27	To cash from State Treasurer, support of poor,	48.00
June	8	To cash from Addie M. Lovejoy, sup- port of poor,	20.40
	12	To cash from Jas. McAllaster, support of poor,	28.50
	29	To cash from State Treasurer, Public Library,	15.00
	30	To cash from Ada L. Hammons, bil- liard license,	10.00
July	26	To cash from Willis W. Waite, paint sold,	14.00
Aug.	18	To cash from C. P. Ricker, entering sewer,	25.00
Sept.	2	To cash from B. K. Murdock, dog licenses,	76.00
	6	To cash from Town of Carthage, High School,	40.00
	27	To cash from State Treasurer, support of poor,	91.58

Oct.	4	To cash from P. M. Cooper, books and supplies,	9.75
	10	To cash from H. H. Luce, entering sewer,	25.00
	13	To cash from P. M. Cooper : Common Schools,	20.00
		Books and supplies,	5.00
	25	To cash from Town of Mexico, Common Schools,	110.00
	25	To cash from Edward Virgin, entering sewer,	25.00
Nov.	8	To cash from Willis W. Waite, wood sold,	2.50
	9	To cash from P. M. Cooper : Books and supplies,	6.25
	20	Common Schools,	5.00
	28	To cash from Town of Peru, High School,	260.00
	29	To cash from State Treasurer, support of poor,	65.51
Dec.	1	To cash from State Treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	46.41
	1	To School Mill Fund,	1,071.56
		To Common School Fund,	962.70
		To R. R. and Tel. Tax,	25.05
	22	To cash from P. M. Cooper, books and supplies,	13.38
	30	To cash from State Treasurer : Free High School,	500.00
		State Roads,	510.24

1917

Jan.	5	To cash from C. H. Towle, entering sewer,	25.00
	15	To cash from E. E. Bubier, auctioneer's license,	2.00
	23	To cash from Alton Brown, entering sewer,	25.00
	23	To cash from Jas. McAllaster, support of poor,	5.00
	26	To cash from H. B. Marsh, entering sewer,	25.00

Feb. 6	To cash from Town of Mexico, Common Schools,	92.52
6	To cash from P. M. Cooper :	
	Common Schools,	7.71
	Books and supplies,	16.09
	Laboratory,	10.74
	Repairs schoolhouses,	16.41
8	To cash from E. Etta Holman, cemetery lot,	30.00
9	To cash from Ethel J. Robertson, cemetery lot,	30.00
10	To cash from Town of Peru, High School,	200.00
	To cash from Frank Stanley, moving picture license,	10.00
	To cash from J. P. Edmunds, Collector, tax commitment for 1916,	16,211.96
12	To cash from Arthur Coffin, cemetery lot,	8.50
	To cash from N. S. Stowell, entering sewer,	25.00
	To cash from Town of Peru, account of Ferry,	17.27
	To cash from Addie M. Lovejoy, support of poor,	166.50
	Total Debits,	<u>\$24,295.40</u>

1916

CREDIT.

Sept. 2	By paid State Treasurer, Account Dog Licenses, 1916,	\$ 76.00
Oct. 11	By paid County Treasurer, for County Tax, 1916,	622.81
Dec. 1	By paid State Treasurer, State Tax, 1916,	2,834.45
	By paid State Treasurer, Dog License Deficiency, 1915,	7.00

1917		
Jan. 19	By paid Public Library, amount received from State Treasurer,	15.00
	By error, amount paid by Addie M. Lovejoy,	9.95
Feb.	By paid orders as drawn,	20,133.30
	By cash in treasury,	596.89
Total Credits,		<hr/> \$24,295.40

C. L. DILLINGHAM,

Treasurer.

VITAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO RETURNS
MADE TO THIS OFFICE TO FEBRUARY, 1917.
MARRIAGES.

April 11, 1915—Ralph M. Williams and Blandine E. Strout. (Error last report.)

February 29, 1916—Alfred H. Kidder and Vira B. Andrews.

May 31—Harold Fickett and Mary Della Oakes.

June 3—John F. Blanchard and Bernice E. Barker.

June 22—Charles L. Oldham and Nora Elizabeth Welch.

June 30—John Laurence Arsneault and Susie A. Knox.

July 1—Burnham W. True and Maude E. Latham.

July 2—Harry E. Trask and Myrtle Olive Yerxa.

July 15—Gerald A. Knox and Hattie M. Putnam.

September 2—Luther M. Hodsdon and Ruth Hall.

September 10—Percy W. Drown and Mina Durell.

October 7—Lawrence A. Crossman and Helen M. Packard.

October 13—Frank Downs and Edna Sturgis.

November 1—Roger D. Holman and Marion F. Marble.

November 20—Hiram C. Howard and Ada M. Benson.

December 5—Dwight P. Macartney and Henrietta B. Thompson.

December 9—Philip Gonya and Winnifred L. Blaisdell.

January 21—Elliott M. Brown and Una L. Holman.

BIRTHS.

1916.

February 17—Charles H. Holman, son.

February 29—Hiram McDonald, daughter.

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March 10—C. Erroll Ellis, daughter.

April 2—Leo E. Wilson, son.

April 17—Chester C. Coolidge, son.

May 13—Harry N. Syrene, son.

July 2—Guy C. Hutchinson, son.

July 11—John A. Putnam, Jr., daughter.
July 26—Clifford C. Whitney, daughter.
December 1—Arthur M. Packard, son.
December 11—Otis O. Powell, son.
January 15, 1917—Walter H. Smith, son.

DEATHS.

1916.

February 26—Ernest L. Paine, age 5 yrs. 4 mos. 1 day.
February 29—Clara McDonald, age 2 hrs.
March 4—Flora McDonald, age 3½ days.
March 8—Annette Whitney, age 83 yrs. 2 mos. 24 days.
March 18—Fred L. Cox, age 17 yrs. 10 mos. 11 days.
March 21—Charles G. Delano, age 77 yrs.
March 27—Horatio Bisbee, age 76 yrs. 10 mos. 27 days.
March 28—Seth L. Hammons, age 57 yrs. 11 mos. 29 days.
May 16—Mary H. Tirrell, age 74 yrs. 6 mos. 3 days.
May 23—Hannah Holman, age 75 yrs. 4 mos. 3 days.
June 2—Henry C. Pratt, age 80 yrs. 1 mo. 20 days.
June 2—Jane E. Glines, age 75 yrs. 8 mos. 11 days.
June 20—Charles R. Bartlett, age 75 yrs. 1 mo. 25 days.
June 22—Harriet C. White, age 80 yrs. 3 mos. 20 days.
July 18—Hiram Oldham, age 87 yrs. 6 mos. 25 days.
October 3—Fred Hannaford, age 57 yrs. 1 mo. 30 days.
October 10—Charles E. Chubb, age 72 yrs. 4 mos. 26 days.
November 6—Flora J. Noyes, 78 yrs. 3 mos. 17 days.
November 12—Susan J. R. Babb, age 74 yrs. 11 mos. 20 days.
November 13—Lydia Austin Marsh, age 66 yrs. 5 mos.
November 22—Lizzie Turner, age 53 yrs. 27 days.
November 23—John F. Stanley, age 76 yrs. 6 mos. 26 days.
November 24—Levi Lamb, age 90 yrs. 9 mos. 24 days.
November 26—Cyrus G. Coolidge, age 70 yrs. 10 mos. 10 days.
November 28—Henry G. Thayer, age 69 yrs. 1 mo. 13 days.
December 3—Arthur J. Stewart, age 38 yrs. 3 mos. 26 days.
December 23—Rebecca Brown, age 82 yrs. 10 mos. 20 days.

DOGS LICENSED AFTER APRIL 1, 1916.

Number that were licensed,		67
54 males, at	\$1.00	\$54.00
3 females, at	5.00	15.00
7 spd. females, at	1.00	7.00
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		\$76.00

Number killed or otherwise disposed of

Males, 2

Females, 1

BURTON K. MURDOCK,

Town Clerk.

Report of the Superintending School Committee

We submit herewith our report and recommendations for the ensuing year. As will be seen by the detailed report of the Superintendent, we have been unable to avoid overdrawing our appropriations in several of the accounts. The Common School account is over the most, and the fact that we did not receive so much from the State last year as in 1915 by nearly \$300.00, and in addition had to pay quite a large amount of old bills left from 1915, accounts for this. The Laboratory account is overdrawn from the fact that old bills amounting to over \$150.00 were left unpaid from 1915.

We believe that it will be necessary to increase the common school appropriation slightly in order to cover the overdraft, and provide sufficient funds for the ensuing year. At present prices the fuel bill will be much larger than last year, when our coal cost us less than \$8.00 a long ton, in the basement. It will be necessary to pay slightly more for teachers in the rural schools, as \$9.00 a week, with the necessities of life at the present prices, will not hire suitable teachers.

We wish to call the attention of the voters to the necessity, in the near future, of improving conditions in our rural buildings, especially in sanitary arrangements. We have not deemed it wise to ask for any appropriation for this work this year, but firmly believe that it must come, and very soon.

Two of the rural schools have fallen below the average attendance required by law for their maintenance, in fact, they have less than five pupils in each district. We believe that no teacher can keep up interest in a school as small as

this, nor can any pupil do his best work under these conditions. We recommend that the Dunn and Lancaster schools be discontinued for the next year, or that the continuance be left in the hands of the committee.

As is generally known, your committee has dissolved the old union of towns, and formed a new one with Peru and Carthage. This seems to be a more logical union, and is working out very well. We wish to express our appreciation of the interest and diligence that Mr. Cooper has shown in his new work, and believe that he is the right man for the place. Financially he has already saved the town enough to pay his salary for the past year.

The following appropriations will be necessary, and we recommend that the following amounts be raised:

Common Schools,	\$3200.00
High School,	600.00
Books and supplies,	400.00
Repairs,	175.00
Laboratory,	150.00
Superintendent,	225.00
Incidental Expenses,	50.00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. GRAY,

E. L. STETSON,

W. S. MARBLE,

Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your approval this, my first, annual report of the Public Schools of Dixfield.

In making this report, I wish particularly to call your attention to finances and I shall devote only what space is absolutely necessary to conditions.

RURAL SCHOOLS.

I am placing rural schools first because it seems to me that they have been last too long. During the fall term little was done to improve conditions in these schools because money was not available. This year quite an amount of money will be needed to provide proper equipment for these schools and still more to put them in respectable shape as compared with a modern building.

In order that pupils may make good progress they must have pleasant and healthful surroundings and to this end I wish to urge that you make preparations for the installation of a combined heating and ventilating system, also chemical closets for out-buildings. The present conditions of these out-buildings is a disgrace and must be remedied. This can be done only by having the building connected with the school room by a covered passage, this to be the only means of access. With this arrangement and some form of chemical closet, better conditions will be found. Once the people see the results, there will be no difficulty in obtaining appropriations for this purpose.

The school houses in the Lancaster and Dunn Districts are in very poor condition, also the one located at the Center. I can not recommend that repairs be made on the two first mentioned because of the small number of pupils, but we have the largest rural school in town at the Center and the building is the smallest and is in very poor condition. It seems to me that a modern building should be erected at or near the present Center School and that what pupils there are in the Towle and Lancaster districts, be conveyed to it, thus consolidating three small schools in one of sufficient size to warrant the expenditure of enough money to provide the school with up to date equipment. For several years past, the pupils near and in this village, have enjoyed the privileges of a modern building with good equipment and I believe that a start should be made this year to give the boys and girls of the farming communities equal privileges.

As near as I am able to ascertain, there will be three pupils to attend the Dunn School next year, while at the Lancaster, it is not certain that there will be two. It seems inadvisable to maintain a school or schools in these districts, but if such is the desire, it will be necessary, in accordance with Sec. 2 of the School Laws of the State for the town to take action to that effect at this annual meeting.

The teachers in the rural schools have given good satisfaction, although, with one exception, they are without training or experience.

The village schools have been doing good work, which compares very favorably with that done in former years. The equipment is very good and with a small amount of supplies and incidentals, will be prepared for next year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The high school has been continually increasing during the last few years until at the present time there are forty-nine pupils registered. The increase is desirable, but it calls for larger expenditures for books, supplies and laboratory, hence one reason for the small increase in appropriations which will be asked for.

The only activity of the school which brings it before the public is of a literary nature and I believe that the results attained are unusually satisfactory. The school won at the sixth annual prize speaking contest held at Rumford, the first prize and the cup remains the permanent trophy of the school. This is gratifying in the extreme when we consider that a few have to compete with a school five times as large.

Dramatics is another feature of the school's activity and the play presented last year was considered the best in recent years. I believe that more real value results from work of this nature than from athletics, especially in country districts, where boys and girls naturally get plenty of fresh air and exercise.

The tool chest of the school is the library. We have the chest, but no tools. In the building which burned, there was a library of over one hundred volumes and very little has been done to replenish it. We feel the loss very much and there must be at least fifty dollars expended this next year for reference books. My attention is called repeatedly by the State Department to deficient library facilities.

We have in the high school this year two capable teachers who are giving the pupils an opportunity of obtaining a good secondary education.

I believe that our high school is not of the standard that it should be from the very fact that the pupils, with few exceptions, apparently take only a small interest. Parents are responsible for this in that the pupils are in their care out of school hours and few compel their children to observe regular study hours at home. Very few pupils can do creditable work without doing considerable home work. If pupils were prevented from graduating because of this the responsibility would be placed at the door of the school. Private schools have evening study periods and the pupils are obliged to observe them hence it must not be expected that pupils will do as much or as good work unless the parent requires home work. Teachers can expect it but they have no way of seeing that it is done. It is then necessary for the parent to understand that they need to require that some work be done at home.

FINANCES.

I ask your thorough examination of this part of my report and I hope that all citizens of the town will inform themselves concerning it. During the past year bills to the amount of \$649.29 have been paid which were contracted for during preceding years.

There are unpaid bills to the amount of \$160.14, as follows:—

Com. schools, \$10.00, 1915, Chas. Eustis for transportation.
Books and supplies, \$20.18, 1914, Edward E. Babb & Co.
Books and supplies, \$25.75, 1914, Edward E. Babb & Co.
Books and supplies, \$26.73, 1915, Edward E. Babb & Co.
Books and supplies, \$38.88, 1916, Silver, Burdett & Co.
Books and supplies, \$38.60, 1915, J. L. Hammett Co.

These bills are undoubtedly collectible, but I know nothing about them and can vouch for only the first item.

Following is the financial statement and I ask that you make allowance for overdrafts as they have in every item been caused by old bills coming in. From the sale of the bell which was destroyed for all alarm purposes by the fire \$27.15 was realized and this was used as follows: \$16.41 to balance the repairs account and \$10.74 was applied to the laboratory account. It may seem unusual to notice overdrafts on the school accounts but if you will examine previous reports you will find that it has been customary to transfer from unappropriated or other funds enough to balance the various accounts. No transfers have been made this year.

We did not receive any money from the Equalization Fund this year and our census returns were lower than last year. These two items give us a decrease in funds of \$413.44.

It seems to me that economy has been your effort during the short time that I have been working with you and results have been obtained along some lines, especially that of transportation. While economy is a very good thing to exercise we must not carry it to extremes and make poor schools the result, for this would be bad economy.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of your work and of the assistance which you have rendered me. I appreciate the attitude which you take in performing your duties, which is serving the town rather than individuals.

I will take this opportunity to express the satisfaction which the teachers and myself have of knowing that at least some of the citizens have a live interest in what is going on at school and visit the school that they may get direct information rather than gossip and criticism of children. The keen interest of the public is the only thing that can keep the teacher alive to her work. Can you imagine the difference between the life of a teacher who plods along day after day, alone with her pupils, and another who is every day expecting and receiving visitors? I assure you that the one will get into a deep rut and the other will avoid it.

Believing that the past year has been a success and trusting that we may work together for better schools for the future I conclude this report.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. COOPER,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

If there is a school anywhere that nobody finds any fault with it is a poor school, because the school doesn't exist that can't be found fault with and that is the only way to get at improvement. Our high school is not an exception. I am glad of the chance offered me to explain what seems to me to give rise to the failings of our school.

It seems too much to expect of high school pupils that they should be serious-minded. It is too much. They can't be or, at any rate, they are not. But you, who are parents of these boys and girls, ought to impress this much on their minds: that they, instead of going to work, as more than sixty per cent. of people of their ages do, are given the opportunity to invest four of the most useful years of their lives, that the community has thought favorably enough of the investment to finance it with substantial funds, levied on the tax payers, who have a right to expect returns in the form of really useful citizens. If we can look at the situation in this light it ought to assume importance and yet it apparently has not been considered serious enough by parents to cause them to require their children to have regular habits of study at home. I have no way of knowing exactly how far that is true, but I am convinced that the homes where regular study hours are kept are rarities. Recently I took occasion to count the high school pupils at the movies on a certain Thursday evening. Out of the total of forty-eight enrolled there were thirteen. There is this to be said about this thing: These thirteen were not honest. They were cheating (not their teachers) themselves. This is how I figure it. The money value of the four years of high school is variously calculated at from four to twenty thousand dollars, represented in increased earnings. These figures hold true only as an average. In reality they ought to read from about nothing to a good deal above twenty thousand. However, your boy or girl ought to be earning a matter of six to twelve dollars a day for himself, according to his or her

ability. Now if there is nothing serious in this way of looking at the matter, your high school is a flat failure and its pupils would be better employed next door in the tooth-pick mill.

If, on the other hand, there really seems to be something serious in it all, why do you not find out what your boy or girl is putting in his or her time at, and then see that he or she works at it? Just now the community knows not much more about what goes on under the roof of our school building than if it were located in the middle of "Number Six". Superintendent Cooper has offered the solution. He proposes to you that a Parent-Teachers' Association be formed so that you can get some first-hand information of what your boys and girls are getting in their time at. Read what he has to say, then, don't say, "good idea," and otherwise express yourself as heartily in favor of the plan—and then stay at home when the meeting is scheduled. Remember, that these boys and girls are going to be just what you parents and the schools make them.

I don't mean to report that our high school is not a good one, but I won't say I am satisfied with it. As it is it is good enough to be reasonably proud of, but the best one possible is only just good enough. Let's have it.

There were forty-nine pupils enrolled in September, an unusually large number. The graduating class, twelve in number, is also unusually large. The percentage of attendance during the fall term was about 95%. There is a falling off from this high figure this term, as was to be expected from the prevalence of colds and severe weather.

The greatest weaknesses of the school are in Mathematics and English. This is just what might be expected. Both studies require more study than they are getting or ever have had. I mean by that that this condition of not studying at home is not confined to this particular year of school. This is what the Parent-Teachers' Association is designed to remedy.

There is a handicap in the matter of suitable English text-books and general reference books, altogether excusable in consequence of the fire, but it ought to be remedied as fast as the town is able to bear the expense.

I take this occasion to thank those who have shown an interest in school matters, to urge still more interest and to urge those who have not before had an interest to acquire one.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKER BURROUGHS STIMSON.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

DIXFIELD, ME., Feb. 14th, 1917.

To Parker M. Cooper, Supt. of Schools, Dixfield, Me.:

I submit to you the following report of my service as
Truant Officer for the town of Dixfield for the year ending
Feb. 1st, 1917.

Number of cases of absences investigated,	48
Number of truants returned to school,	17
Number of excusable absences,	31
I was called to the rural schools three times.	

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. DOCKHAM,

Truant Officer for the Town
of Dixfield, Me.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

In submitting my report for the year I wish first to say that the children have shown such remarkable interest in their work that it has been a great pleasure to me to teach them.

The children in Grades 1 and 2 have learned a great many songs, and have gained a very good knowledge of the fundamentals of music. Great credit is due Mrs. Lane for the assistance she has given in this work; and the same is true of Miss Richardson's endeavors with the children in the 3rd and 4th Grades. In this room they do two part songs, and are able to read simple compositions quite well.

The children in the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades are manifesting great interest in their music, and some of them indicate such personal endeavor and grasp of the tasks set before them, as to show that they are ready for a more advanced course.

The pupils as a whole show such great amount of talent and earnestness in their musical courses that it is a most satisfactory labor on my part to aid them in every possible way.

Respectfully submitted,

WYNIFRED STAPLES SMITH.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

ACCOUNT	Bal. 1916	Appro. 1916	Rec'd from State	Rec'd other Sources	Available Funds	Expense	Balance
Common School		\$3,045.00	\$2,034.26	\$352.73	\$5,431.99	\$5,585.42	\$153.43*
High School	\$163.45	500.00	500.00	500.00	1,663.45	1,726.28	62.83*
Books & Supplies		350.00		50.47	400.47	457.16	56.72*
Repairs		175.00		34.20	209.20	209.20	
Laboratory		200.00		10.47	210.47	257.23	46.49*
Ins. and Lights		300.00			300.00	249.15	50.85
Super ntendent	1.25	225.00			226.25*	180.00	46.25

*Overdrawn.

Due on High School \$70.00.

Due on books and supplies, \$16.71.





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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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D. W. HARVEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PARKER M. COOPER

ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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J. P. EDMUNDS

BOARD OF HEALTH

J. S. STURTEVANT, M.D., W. M. PEASE, M.D.,
FRANK ALLEN

Report of Selectmen

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1918.

Value of real estate, resident	\$419,100 00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	56,675 00
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Total real estate,	\$475,775 00
Value of personal estate, resident, \$139,985 00	
Value of personal estate, non-resident, 9,275 00	
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Total personal estate,	\$149,260 00
Total valuation,	<hr/> \$625,035 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

For common schools	\$3,200 00
Books and supplies, back bills and for ensuing year,	550 00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	175 00
Permanent school fund,	45 00
Payment of time orders due,	1,000 00
Interest on outstanding time orders due,	700 00
Payment municipal orders,	750 00
Hydrant rental,	300 00
Public Library,	300 00
Support of poor,	1,000 00
Roads and bridges,	3,500 00
Interest on cemetery funds,	66 00
Superintendent of Schools,	225 00
Miscellaneous town charges and defray all other town charges,	450 00
Free High School,	600 00
State Aid Road,	533 00
Boat at Peru Ferry,	200 00
Maintenance State Aid Road,	300 00
Snow fence at Marble's ice pond,	100 00

Draining Road near Dunn Cemetery,	50 00
Graveling Streets in Village,	500 00
State Road over Towle Hill or to pay	
Town Debt,	500 00
State Tax,	3,667 93
County Tax,	1,038 33
Overlay,	758 53
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Total commitment,	\$20,508 79
Number of polls,	360
Number of polls not taxed,	7
Rate of Poll Tax,	3 00
Rate of property tax,	.031
Amount of poll tax	1,080 00
Amount of property tax,	19,428 79
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	\$20,508 79

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

Salable Live Stock	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses,	239	91 21	\$21,800 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs.,	2	80 00	160 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs.,	14	42 14	600 00
Colts, under 2 yrs.,	11	36 00	395 00
Cows,	398	33 33	13,280 00
Oxen,	2	75 00	150 00
3 yr.-olds,	119	28 11	3,355 00
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			\$39,740 00

Exempt Livestock:

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
2-yr. olds,	114	19 93	\$2,870 00
1-yr. olds,	112	15 89	1,780 00
Sheep,	289	5 31	1,535 00
Swine,	80	14 68	1,175 00
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			\$7,360 00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank Stock,	\$5,400 00
Trust Co. Stock,	4,000 00
Money at Interest,	1,000 00

Stock in trade,	22,500 00
Other companies stock,	18,600 00
Logs and lumber,	14,500 00
Shipping,	1,070 00
Automobiles,	20,400 00
Musical Instruments,	6,950 00
Finished Products in Mills,	7,000 00
Other property,	8,100 00
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	\$109,520 00
Total value taxable personal property,	\$149,260 00

COMMON SCHOOLS

FUNDS

Appropriated,	\$3,200 00
Permanent school fund,	45 00
Mill Fund,	1,048 27
Common School Fund,	\$1,047 28
Tuition (Percy Childs),	15 60
Tuition (Chas. Dunham),	13 21
By sale of coal,	44 48
Tuition (Town of Mexico),	314 87
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	\$5,718 71

EXPENDED

Teachers' wages,	\$3,452 00
Fuel,	789 74
Janitor service,	387 00
Conveyance,	401 20
Tuition (Wilton)	345 20
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	\$5,375 14
Overdraft, 1917,	153 43
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Total,	\$5,528 57
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Balance,	\$190 14

HIGH SCHOOL

FUNDS

Appropriation,	\$600 00	
Received from State,	500 00	
Tuition (Town of Peru),	858 00	
Sale of coal,	22 24	
		\$1,980 24

EXPENDED

Teachers' wages,	\$1,344 00	
Janitor service,	164 67	
Fuel,	296 39	
	\$1,805 06	
Overdraft, 1917,	62 83	
		\$1,867 89
Balance,		\$112 35
Due from Town of Hartford,	\$100 00	

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

FUNDS

Appropriated,	\$550 00	
By sale of supplies,	91 66	
		\$641 66

EXPENDED

Supplies,	\$338 87	
Text-books,	374 20	
		\$713 07
Overdrawn,		\$71 41

REPAIRS

Appropriated,	\$175 00	
Expended,	187 06	
Overdrawn,	\$12 06	

LABORATORY

Unappropriated funds,	\$91 47
Expended,	91 47

INSURANCE AND LIGHTS

By Balance 1917,	\$50 95
Expended,	18 38

Balance,	\$32 57
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SUPERINTENDENCY

By balance, 1917,	\$46 25
Appropriated,	225 00

\$271 25

Expended,	\$240 00
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Balance,	\$31 25
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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Appropriation,	\$750 00
Transferred unappropriated funds,	96 22

\$846 22

Geo. W. Dockham, truant officer, team hire,	\$6 00
Geo. W. Dockham, truant officer,	25 00
E. L. Stetson, school board,	10 00
Geo. C. Gray, school board,	10 00
D. W. Harvey, school board,	10 00
W. W. Waite, 1st selectman,	125 00
Frank Stanley, 2d selectman,	60 00
W. W. Rollins, 3d selectman,	60 00
J. P. Edmunds, dog constable,	10 00
J. P. Edmunds, town constable,	15 00
J. P. Edmunds, collector of taxes,	410 17
C. L. Dillingham, treasurer,	75 00

B. K. Murdock, Clerk,	19 55	
J. S. Sturtevant, M.D., Sec. Bd. of H.,	10 50	
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		\$846 22

SEWER ACCOUNT

Unexpended,	\$355 55	
C. L. Dillingham, entering sewer,	25 00	
W. G. Harlow, entering sewer,	25 00	
P. M. Cooper, entering sewer,	25 00	
M. A. Taylor, entering sewer,	25 00	
W. C. Morse, entering sewer,	25 00	
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		\$480 55
Orders drawn,	\$67 87	
By balance,	412 68	
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		\$480 55

SNOW FENCE AT MARBLE'S ICE POND

Appropriation,	\$100 00	
No orders drawn.		
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Balance,		\$100 00

DRAINING ROAD NEAR DUNN CEMETERY

Appropriation,	\$50 00	
No orders drawn.		
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Balance,		\$50 00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation,	300 00	

MEMORIAL DAY FUND

Orders drawn for deposit in Rumford Falls Trust Co., June 30, 1917, for G. A. R. Fund,	\$75 00	
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Cash paid C. L. Dillingham by hand of W. W. Abbott,	15 00	
Order drawn to cover interest on above fund to June 30, 1917,	10 00	
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		\$100 00
By deposit in Rumford Falls Trust Co., Dixfield Branch, June 30, 1917,		\$100 00
The above is pursuant to a vote of the annual town meet- ing of 1912. For information see Town Clerk's records.		

DIXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Orders drawn,	\$300 00
Appropriation,	300 00

ELECTRIC LIGHT, EAST DIXFIELD

Orders drawn,		\$50 04
Unexpended balance,	4 31	
By transfer from unappropriated funds,	45 73	
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		\$50 04

MICELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

CR.

By Balance, 1916,	\$8 02	
Cash from State, sheep killed,	95 25	
Cash from State, sheep killed,	162 00	
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Appropriation,		\$450 00
Total,		<hr/> \$715 27

DR.

F. W. Sanborn, town report,	\$82 40
Harry Virgin,	25 00
W. T. Eustis,	5 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books,	24 25
W. W. Waite, expense to Augusta,	8 75
W. W. Rollins, browntail,	10 00
G. W. Dockham, ballot clerk,	3 00

W. T. Eustis, ballot clerk,	3 00	
W. T. Eustis, moderator,	2 00	
H. H. Luce, land damage,	200 00	
D. W. Harvey,	150 00	
Susie Holman,	12 00	
William Paine,	3 40	
A. W. Smith, ballot clerk,	3 00	
G. O. Gardner,	3 15	
Elmer Brown, browntail,	6 75	
H. B. Paine,	4 60	
Ella White, water trough,	2 25	
Dr. W. M. Pease,	3 50	
Frank Brown,	3 50	
Dr. V. O. White, births and deaths,	2 25	
Dr. J. M. Sturtevant, births and deaths,	2 00	
Frank Stanley, tel., etc.,	4 05	
A. Whitman,	2 50	
J. S. Sturtevant, M.D., births and deaths,	4 00	
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Total,		\$570 35
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Balance,		\$144 92

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST

EUSTIS FUND—\$500.00

Balance of old account,	\$85 31	
Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	20 00	
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		\$105 31
Orders drawn,	\$36 88	
Balance,	68 43	
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		\$105 31

ROSANA CUMMINGS FUND—\$50.00.

Balance of old account,	\$33 00	
Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%	2 00	
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		\$35 00
No orders drawn.		

RIVERSIDE FUND—\$1,000.00

Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	\$40 00	
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Paid J. M. Holland order No. 333,	40 00	\$40 00
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		\$40 00

GLINES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	\$2 00	
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		\$2 00
Paid J. M. Holland order No. 334,	2 00	
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		\$2 00

KNOWLES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, 1 year's interest at 4%,	\$2 00	
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		\$2 00
Paid J. M. Holland order No. 335,	2 00	
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		\$2 00

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Unexpended balance,	\$147 51	
Rec'd from J. L. Howard,	30 00	
C. F. Eaton,	30 00	
J. S. Harlow,	60 00	
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		\$267 51
Paid J. M. Steele, labor,	\$4 25	
Geo. Dockham,	22 10	
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		\$26 35
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Balance,		\$241 16

SEVERY HILL CEMETERY

Cr. by unexpended balance,	\$2 93
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DUNN CEMETERY

Cr. by unexpended balance,	\$50 00
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DIXFIELD AND PERU FERRY

Appropriation,	\$200 00	
Rec'd from Peru, one-half cost of boat,	154 50	
		<u>\$354 50</u>
Cost of boat,	309 00	
Cost of taking boat out,	9 80	
		<u>\$318 80</u>
Balance,		\$35 70

DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

Cr. by unexpended balance,	\$84 50
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SUPPORT OF POOR

By appropriation,	\$1,000 00	
Received from Sewell Mayhew,	9 00	
		<u>\$1,009 00</u>
Overdrawn in 1916,	\$74 32	
Support of Hiram Stone,	307 80	
Support of George Blake,	275 89	
Support of James McAllister,	18 92	
Support of George Flagg,	9 25	
Support of Sewell Mayhew,	9 00	
Support of Henry Whittemore,	59 62	
Support of Elmore Blaisdell,	6 98	
		<u>\$761 78</u>
Balance,		\$247 22
Transferred to Mrs. Addie M. Lovejoy acct.		140 83
		<u>\$106 39</u>
Balance,		
George Blake died Nov. 27, 1917.		

STATE PAUPER—FRANK NEWELL

Orders drawn,	\$455 41
Received from State,	455 41

MRS. ADDIE LOVEJOY

Overdrawn, 1916,	\$38 05	
Orders drawn,	254 78	
		\$392 83
By rents received,		252 00
Overdrawn.		\$140 83
By transfer from poor acct.,		140 83

TIME ORDERS DUE

Appropriation,		\$1,000 00
Paid P. W. Torrey, by order No. 146,	\$300 00	
Z. E. White, by order No. 294,	700 00	
		\$1,000 00

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS

Appropriation,		\$700 00
Paid E. L. Torrey,	\$20 00	
E. L. Torrey,	10 00	
J. P. Johnston,	10 00	
J. P. Johnston,	22 81	
Verdurina Ludden,	10 00	
Zerna E. White,	20 00	
P. W. Torrey,	6 00	
J. P. Johnston,	30 00	
Verdurina Ludden,	30 00	
Zerna E. White,	20 00	
Zerna E. White,	14 00	
Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	25 00	
Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	12 50	
E. L. Torrey,	20 00	
E. L. Torrey,	10 00	
Verdurina Ludden,	10 00	

J. P. Johnston,	31 97
R. F. Trust Co.,	25 00
R. F. Trust Co.,	25 00
Zerna E. White,	9 33
R. F. Trust Co.,	21 48
R. F. Trust Co.,	31 67
E. E. Brown,	40 00
Zerna E. White,	40 00
Verdurina Ludden,	30 00
G. P. Torrey,	12 00
G. P. Torrey,	10 00
G. P. Torrey,	4 00
G. P. Torrey,	4 00
G. P. Torrey,	9 00

\$563 76

Balance,

136 24

Of the above items those paid to the Rumford Falls Trust Co., constitute interest paid on temporary loan of \$4,500, made by town before the collection of taxes.

OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

530	Nov. 16, 1907, G. P. Torrey,	\$300 00
102	June 5, 1908, McGregor Bros.,	1,140 00
142	June 29, 1908, E. E. Brown,	1,000 00

\$2,440 00

Issued on account temporary loans authorized at special town meeting, March 15, 1909.

608	Apr. 1, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	\$500 00
609	Apr. 8, 1909, J. P. Johnston,	500 00
689	Apr. 8, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200 00
695	May 20, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200 00

\$1,400 00

Issued on account of first school house.

103	June 16, 1909, Zerna E. White,	\$1,000 00
	Due July 1, 1919	

197	Aug. 3, 1909, Zerna E. White,	1,000 00	
	Due Aug. 3, 1918		
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			\$2,000 00

Issued on account school house addition.

772	July 27, 1914, J. P. Johnston,	\$500 00	
909	Oct. 5, 1914, E. L. Torrey,	500 00	
1211	Feb. 13, 1915, J. P. Johnston,	299 19	
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			\$1,299 19

Issued on account new school house.

1422	Sept. 1, 1915, E. L. Torrey,	\$1,000 00	
1423	Aug. 31, 1916, G. P. Torrey,	450 00	
1468	Oct. 1, 1915, Verdurena Ludden,	500 00	

Note held by Rumford Falls Trust Co. for \$3,000.00 at 5% has been changed to order.

341	Jan. 13, 1917, J. P. Johnson,	\$1,500 00	
343	Jan. 13, 1917, Verdurena Ludden,	1,500 00	
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			\$4,950 00

Total outstanding loans,	<hr/>	\$12,089 82
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STATE ROAD

CR.

By appropriation,	\$533 00
State apportionment,	533 00
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	3 91
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	\$1,069 91

DR.

Gardner Brown,	\$12 00
Chester Brown,	7 00
Carl Rand,	15 00
Chester Brown,	10 00
Hazen Childs,	23 12
Harry Rand,	200 00

Harold Childs,	25 00	
Carl Rand,	10 00	
Frank Hutchinson,	20 00	
Carl Rand,	15 00	
Harry Rand,	50 00	
Chester Brown,	10 00	
Frank Hutchinson,	10 00	
Chester Brown,	10 00	
Carl Witham,	33 12	
Nelson Rose (Gravel),	36 00	
Will Childs and team,	133 07	
John Steel,	2 75	
Harry Rand,	250 25	
Chester Brown,	33 00	
Peleg White,	3 00	
Carl Rand,	34 25	
Frank Hutchinson,	24 37	
Gardner Brown,	13 62	
Verne Brown,	26 25	
Harold Childs,	46 25	
C. L. Dillingham,	5 95	
F. C. Marston, Inspection,	10 61	
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		\$1,069 91

STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Town paid,	\$460 92	
State paid,	258 16	
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Joint fund,		\$719 08
Total expenditures for patrol,		641 64
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Balance in hands of State,		\$77 44
Of the above \$460.00, the Town raised		
by appropriation,	\$300 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	160 92	
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		\$460 92

SUMMER WORK

John Putnam,	\$10 50
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A. D. Wentworth,	2 00
G. B. Hilton,	9 95
K. K. Brackett,	24 53
Harry Rand,	150 00
Trafton Merchant,	20 81
E. C. Judkins,	6 25
Harry Rand,	82 87
Harry Rand,	2 10
Harold Hutchinson,	33 12
Emery Hutchinson,	44 00
Philo Pratt,	33 12
George Towle,	18 12
W. C. Hall,	52 25
Elliot Brown,	13 75
F. W. Morrison,	11 00
Jason Adams,	24 75
Good Roads Mac. Co.,	1 75
Z. W. Taylor,	1 35
Henry Nelson,	24 00
Leavitt Masterman,	13 47
E. F. Taylor,	18 00
I. A. Mitchell,	5 62
H. C. Howard,	2 25
John Putnam,	16 50
Fred Whittimore,	4 50
Alfred Kidder,	13 50
John Putnam,	30 25
Walter Hodge,	7 75
Fred Whittimore,	2 25
George Carlton,	15 00
Alfred Kidder,	10 56
W. F. Drown,	21 75
J. N. Steel,	13 50
Elwin Woodman,	18 00
C. M. Lane,	63 87
Ernest Harlow,	5 00
W. C. Hall,	13 50
Harry Rand,	25 75
Ray Savage,	2 50
A. L. Holman,	18 75
W. H. Smith,	18 29
G. M. Walton,	7 80
R. E. Wright,	60 75

W. C. Hall,	7 50
W. L. Paul,	2 50
Maine Central R. R.,	1 52
N. E. Culvert Co.,	23 24
Milton Lane,	6 75
K. K. Brackett,	33 00
Walter Densmore	7 03
D. C. Coolidge,	48 38
Harry Whittimore,	12 50
J. N. Hannaford,	5 00
D. A. Gates,	2 50
C. P. Howe,	2 00
O. O. Tracey,	2 25
J. S. Curneal,	7 25
Harold Paine,	1 80
Wilfred Towle,	8 75
A. V. Pillsbury,	5 50
Charles Rowoe,	1 00
A. D. Wentworth,	80 65
Albert Tainter,	35 00
V. Holman,	24 50
Frank Kittredge,	18 12
Carl Rand,	5 00
D. A. Adams,	3 75
J. M. Steel,	3 50
G. W. Dockham,	5 00
A. Whitman,	26 00
H. C. Howard,	8 28
Harry Rand,	104 50
W. S. Marble,	10 20
Elliot Brown,	21 25
W. W. Rollins,	85 00
W. W. Rollins,	85 00
D. E. Russell,	27 56
Frank Holman,	25 87
M. H. Douglass,	48 00
A. L. Douglass,	44 40
Fred Whittimore,	8 75
Roland Grover,	2 25
Elwin Woodman,	8 35
Alfred Kidder,	6 25
W. S. Marble,	13 95
M. McIntire,	5 00

A. L. Carlton,	9 00
C. M. Lane,	11 00
G. W. Dockham,	5 25
P. W. Torrey,	10 65
Repair Road Machine,	47
W. M. Andrews,	35 35
Daniel Holman,	1 13
S. L. Philbrick,	16 50
Lamont Philbrick,	6 25
V. M. Morrison,	11 00
S. L. Philbrick,	2 50
A. D. Wentworth,	39 00
Chester Brown,	2 50
Lester Libby,	5 96
Gardner Brown,	2 50
Clyde Paul,	21 75
Milton Lane,	4 50
B. D. Coolidge,	24 25
Ernest Harlow,	14 37
K. K. Brackett,	10 30
W. W. Gammon,	6 00
C. S. Wright,	14 62
W. E. Wright,	21 62
B. T. Berry,	13 75
E. E. Winter,	2 50
R. E. McAllister,	8 00
Harry Whittimore,	19 25
George L. Lothrop,	18 75
D. C. Holman,	7 00
Edward Fuller,	31 00
Ernest York,	3 00
H. Packard,	5 00
F. M. Marshall,	14 75
Ellery Porter,	7 50
Waite & Paul,	6 04
W. W. Rollins,	42 29
D. C. Coolidge,	8 37
C. C. Smith,	6 00
J. S. Adams,	20 00
Elmer Flagg,	14 50
A. L. Holman,	4 80
Clyde Paul,	10 00
Chester Coolidge,	5 00

C. L. Dillingham,	13 92
E. L. Torrey,	6 50
Traffic Signal,	6 00
J. E. Adams,	8 25
J. W. Adams,	8 00
J. G. Hutchinson,	14 00
C. H. Towle,	28 22
F. W. Morrison,	68 00
J. P. Edmunds,	1 20
Harry Rand,	8 00
Carl Rand,	5 50
W. M. Andrews,	6 60
G. P. Torrey,	10 28
W. E. Wilder,	29 80
Harry Rand,	15 00
Asa Brown,	10 00
Carroll Brown,	8 25
K. K. Brackett,	20 66
Verne Brown	13 12
Will Childs,	17 87
K. K. Brackett,	22 00
Nelson Rose,	20 50
C. H. Towle,	8 00
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Total,	\$2,733 57

WINTER WORK, 1917.

T. E. Harlow,	\$2 00
A. Whitman,	11 62
John Putnam,	17 50
Ernest Harlow,	5 00
Thos. Harlow,	2 00
John Putnam,	2 50
S. D. Rand,	7 25
D. D. Packard,	24 63
L. C. Crossman,	7 50
W. A. Paul,	3 30
B. D. Coolidge,	1 30
Elliott Woodman,	3 00
Leon Knapp,	4 51
A. V. Pillsbury,	24 45
Arthur White,	1 33

J. S. Adams,	10 75
E. E. Winter,	2 00
M. L. Walton,	6 60
H. C. Howard,	5 10
W. C. Hall,	5 55
Arthur Hiscock,	6 75
Geo. W. Hannaford,	3 00
C. P. Howe,	2 50
G. W. Robertson,	6 60
Joseph Hannaford,	18 85
D. B. Holman,	15 00
Delmont Adams,	3 37
Arthur Holman,	18 55
Frank Holman,	15 55
A. L. Douglas,	21 81
George L. Lothrop,	10 05
Forest Babcock,	3 87
A. A. Waite,	10 00
W. M. Andrews,	8 20
W. W. Rollins,	19 00
A. G. Hathaway,	11 75
John Tucker,	20 75
H. E. Coolidge,	28 50
W. C. Porter,	5 68
Clyde S. Wright,	7 80
W. E. Wright,	10 60
Myron Holman,	10 75
Paul Parrilo,	2 25
G. I. Fletcher,	3 38
George L. Lothrop,	6 00
B. T. Berry,	10 30
Leavitt Masterman,	2 25
W. F. Drown,	7 50
A. R. Coolidge,	12 28
V. Holman,	5 00
David Parrilo,	3 37
Charles Fletcher,	2 00
William Childs,	7 90
A. L. Carlton,	2 25
Elmer Flagg,	13 95
J. G. Hutchinson,	2 12
C. H. Eustis,	12 00

P. W. Torrey,	8 50
Nelson Rose,	12 00
C. C. Smith,	12 50
W. E. Smith,	5 04
Joseph Parrilo,	9 60
A. G. Howard,	10 00
John Putnam,	12 07
Paul Parrilo,	12 75
Walter Holman,	21 25
C. M. Lane,	12 00
A. Martin,	2 00
J. E. Holman,	16 00
Fred Whittimore,	2 10
J. W. Adams,	7 00
A. Whitman,	17 50
S. D. Rand,	17 50
George Lothrop,	22 25
M. L. Walton,	19 55
F. W. Morrison,	11 00
G. W. Robinson,	9 00
A. D. Wentworth,	2 00
W. L. Paul,	3 00
D. A. Adams,	8 25
Walter Holman,	28 80
George Judkins,	1 25
E. C. Childs,	20 64
H. Packard,	6 75
Paul Parillo,	7 00
D. F. Newton,	2 50
H. W. Merrill,	5 60
A. Whitman,	21 25
G. E. Carlton,	24 60
D. D. Holman,	29 10
G. P. Torrey,	9 95
J. W. Adams,	76 50
John E. Holman,	48 05
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Total,	\$1,034 22

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Summer work,	\$2,733 57
Winter work,	1,034 22
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	\$3,767 79

Credit by	
Appropriation,	\$3,500 00
Transferred from maintenance acct.,	113 40
Rec'd from State for road machine work,	50 00
Rec'd for dynamite sold,	27 68
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	76 71
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	\$3,767 79

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR TOWLE HILL,
1917

Appropriation,	\$500 00
State apportionment,	500 00
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	\$1,000 00

Ray Savage,	\$15 00
Carl Rand,	15 00
Wilfred Towle,	25 00
Jason Adams,	25 00
Ray Savage,	10 00
Everett Robins,	11 00
Wilfred Towle,	23 12
Harry Rand,	244 50
F. W. Morrison,	148 50
Carroll Maxwell,	2 75
Wilfred Towle,	2 50
Ernest Harlow,	33 75
Jason Adams,	36 87
George Towle,	3 75
Elliott Brown,	48 75
Carl Rand,	10 00
Ray Savage,	11 25
Carl Rand,	18 75
Wilfred Berry,	8 75
W. C. Hall,	116 87
Northeast Metal Cor. Co.,	23 24
Fred Morrison,	8 25
Wilfred Towle,	3 75
Harold Hutchinson,	16 25
Walter Holman,	2 00

Harry Rand,	77 00	
Frank Kittredge,	13 13	
R. G. Noyes,	1 85	
Elliott Brown,	14 37	
Harold Hutchinson,	5 00	
Harry Rand,	3 50	
Henry Holman,	1 35	
Ernest Harlow,	3 75	
Inspection,	10 43	
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		\$994 98
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Balance,		\$5 02

GRAVELING STREETS, 1917.

Appropriation,		\$500 00
Balance for 1916,		1 87
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		\$501 87
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Maynard Harlow,	\$8 12	
Hiram Howard,	8 12	
Fred Howard,	7 50	
Alfred Kidder,	2 50	
James Wing,	8 12	
J. M. Steel,	18 00	
Harold Childs,	8 12	
Guy Merrill,	7 50	
A. D. Wentworth,	39 00	
Fred Whittimore,	9 00	
Alton York,	9 00	
C. W. Knox,	9 00	
Will Childs,	13 80	
Ben Berry,	9 00	
Will Porter,	12 00	
Elmer Brown,	9 00	
Harry Brown,	18 00	
H. H. Luce,	1 50	
Ernest Davenport,	18 00	
C. L. Dillingham,	1 70	
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		\$216 98
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Balance,		\$284 89

ABATEMENTS

Heirs of Roscoe Babb,	\$4 65
A. E. Blaisdell, poll tax, poor,	3 00
Harry Brown, poll tax,	3 00
Guy Bickford, gone,	3 00
Arthur Burgess, not of age,	3 00
Lawrence Crossland, moved to Mass.,	3 00
Oral Ellis, paid in Mass.,	3 00
"Otto" Haines, same person as Florus B.,	3 00
J. Nelson Hannaford,	3 00
Perley Hutchinson, gone,	3 00
Lester Hazelton, not here,	3 00
G. B. Hilton, gone,	3 00
Geo. Hannaford,	3 00
John E. Holman, paid in Livermore,	3 00
Leon Knapp,	1 00
Chester Magoon, not of age,	3 00
Jos. Parillo, error,	4 65
Wm. Pratt, moved away,	3 00
Stanley J. Powell, gone,	3 00
Wm. Paine, paid in Jay,	3 00
Fred Penley, gone,	3 00
Carl Sowle, soldier,	3 00
Guy Webster, poor,	3 74
Henry Whittemore, dead,	3 00
Ralph Whittemore, not of age,	3 00
O. M. Holman,	3 00

 \$80 04

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Abatements,	\$80 04
Transferred to	
Electric Lights, East Dixfield,	45 73
State Aid Road,	3 91
Laboratory,	91 47
Maintenance State Aid Road,	160 92
Roads and bridges,	76 71
Interest Memorial Day Fund,	10 00
Municipal Officers,	96 22
Balance,	466 81

 \$1,031 81

Unexpended balance,	\$250 13	
Overlay,	699 83	
Rec'd S. V. Harlow, Auctioneer's license,	2 00	
E. E. Bubier, auctioneer's license,	2 00	
P. E. Colcord, billiard room license,	10 00	
Frank Stanley, mov. picture license,	10 00	
Dog tax, refund,	33 80	
R. R. and telegraph tax,	24 05	
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		\$1,031 81
Supplemental tax,		\$58 70
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		\$1,090 51

BALANCE SHEET

Balance unappropriated funds,	\$525 51	
Common schools,	190 14	
Insurance and lights,	32 57	
Superintendence,	31 25	
Sewer account,	412 68	
Miscellaneous town charges,	144 92	
Greenwood cemetery,	241 16	
Severy Hill cemetery,	2 93	
Dunn cemetery fence,	50 00	
Snow fence at Marble's ice pond,	100 00	
Eustis Fund,	68 43	
Cummings Fund,	35 00	
Dixfield Fire Co.,	84 50	
Support of poor,	106 39	
Interest on time orders,	136 24	
Graveling streets, West Village,	284 89	
Special Appropriation, Towle Hill,	5 02	
Dixfield and Peru Ferry,	35 70	
Draining road at Dunn cemetery,	50 00	
Free High School,	112 35	
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		\$2,649 68

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

Liabilities

Outstanding Loans,	\$12,089 82
Cemetery funds held in trust,	1,650 00

Books and supplies overdrawn,	71 41	
Repairs school houses overdrawn,	12 06	
Due town of Wilton for tuition, ap- proximately,	350 00	
Breaking roads, bills to Feb. 1, 1918, not paid, approximately	1,145 00	
	<hr/>	\$15,328 29

Resources

Due from Town of Hartford Free High School tuition,	\$100 00	
Cash in Treasury,	2,566 21	
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Net amount liabilities,		\$12,662 08

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WAITE,

FRANK STANLEY,

W. W. ROLLINS,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

Warrant for Town Meeting

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE.

To JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS, a *Constable of the Town of Dixfield in said County*,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Dixfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1918, being the fourth day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To choose one or more members of the School Board.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending Feb. 15, 1918.

ART. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts next year.

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- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase Books and Supplies, to repair Schoolhouses, Permanent School Fund, for incidental Superintending School Committee expenses, for Superintendent of Schools, for Laboratory, for Insurance and Lights, to pay Outstanding Time Orders due, to pay Interest on Outstanding Time Orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay Hydrant Rental, Public Library, Support of Poor, to repair Roads and Bridges, to pay interest on Cemetery Funds, Fire Protection, Miscellaneous Town Charges, and defray all other Town Charges.
- ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will vote to raise for support of same.
- ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid, as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the running expenses of the Town until the taxes can be collected, or act in any way in relation thereto.

- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State Aid Road.
- ART. 16. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise to build the road running from Weld St. to High St. over land of H. H. Luce and E. Etta Holman, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise to pay land damage on Pleasant St., so called, at East Dixfield, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 18. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to pay for street lights at East Dixfield.
- ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$25.00 to pay the Treasurer's Bond.
- ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to choose a committee to meet a committee chosen by the Town of Mexico to discuss the desirability of having the lower part of Mexico set off to the Town of Dixfield, or act in any way thereto.
- ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn District.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill District.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Paul District.
- ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to sell the Torrey schoolhouse, and authorize the Selectmen to dispose of same and Treasurer to pass deed of same. The proceeds received to be applied to the account of Repairs of Schoolhouses.
- ART. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of repairing the streets in Dixfield Village.

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- ART. 26. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise to build a road around the hill below the farm of W. W. Rollins, or act in any way thereto.
- ART. 27. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise to fence the cemetery on Science Hill, so called, or act in any way thereto.
- ART. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to buy a Fire-proof Safe Cabinet, and to see what action they will take in regard to same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1918.

W. W. WAITE,
FRANK STANLEY,
W. W. ROLLINS,
Selectmen of Dixfield.

Treasurer's Report

1917	DR.	
Mar. 1	To cash balance from 1916 acct.,	\$596 89
17	To loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	1,000 00
31	To cash from P. M. Cooper, Com. Schools,	7 71
31	To cash from P. M. Cooper, books and supplies,	16 60
31	To cash from State Treasurer, support of poor,	2 00
Apr. 2	To cash from S. V. Harlow, auctioneer's license,	2 00
Apr. 7	To cash from State Treasurer, support of poor,	129 42
7	To cash from State Treasurer, damage to domestic animals,	95 25
9	To loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	500 00
12	To cash from P. E. Colcord, billiard license,	10 00
May 12	To loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	1,000 00
17	To cash from Town of Peru, High School,	230 00
June 8	To loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	1,000 00
14	To cash from Town of Peru, High School,	204 00
16	To cash from Town of Peru, ferry boat,	154 50

	30	To cash from W. W. Abbott, Memorial Day Fund,	15 00
	10	To loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	1,000 00
Aug.	31	To cash from State Treasurer, sup- port of poor,	87 47
	31	To cash from State Treasurer, Pub- lic Library,	30 00
Sept.	25	To cash from P. M. Cooper, books and supplies,	28 50
	28	To cash from State Treasurer, sup- port of poor,	83 49
Oct.	1	To cash from B. K. Murdock, dog licenses,	82 00
	11	To cash from C. L. Dillingham, entering sewer,	25 00
	12	To cash from W. G. Harlow, en- tering sewer,	25 00
	16	To cash from J. L. Howard, ceme- tery lot,	30 00
	22	To cash from P. M. Cooper, books and supplies,	10 00
Nov.	13	To cash from Sewall Mayhew, sup- port of poor,	9 00
	28	To cash from State Treasurer, sup- port of poor,	71 21
Dec.	1	To cash from State Treasurer, dog licenses refunded,	33 80
	1	School Mill Fund,	1,048 27
	1	Common School Fund,	1,047 28
	1	R. R. and Tel. Tax,	24 05
	13	Cash from P. M. Cooper, books and supplies,	20 00
	13	To cash from P. M. Cooper, com- mon schools,	11 00

17	To cash from Town of Peru, High School,	424 00
18	To cash from State Treasurer, highway,	50 00
19	To cash from State Treasurer, damage to domestic animals,	162 00
19	To cash from State Treasurer, Free High School,	500 00
22	To cash from State Treasurer, highway,	105 40
28	To cash from State Treasurer, highway,	8 00
28	To cash from State Treasurer, Towle Hill,	500 00
29	To cash from State Treasurer, State Roads,	533 00

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Jan. 26	To cash from State Treasurer, support of poor,	81 82
29	To cash from P. M. Cooper, common schools,	11 12
Feb. 1	To cash from C. F. Eaton, cemetery lot,	30 00
1	To cash from Town of Carthage, books and supplies,	8 73
2	To cash from P. M. Cooper, entering sewer,	25 00
6	To cash from Town of Mexico, common schools,	314 87
7	To cash from P. M. Cooper, common schools,	33 36
7	To cash from P. M. Cooper, High School,	22 24
12	To cash from Mrs. Mary Taylor, entering sewer,	25 00

13	To cash from J. S. Harlow, cemetery lots,	60 00
13	To cash from J. S. Harlow, dynamite,	27 68
14	Cash from W. C. Morse, entering sewer,	25 00
14	To cash from J. P. Edmunds, collector, tax commitment for 1918,	20,508 79
15	To cash from Town of Peru, books and supplies,	7 83
15	To cash from Addie M. Lovejoy, support of poor,	252 00
15	To cash from E. E. Bubier, auctioneer's license,	2 00
15	To cash from Frank Stanley, moving picture license,	10 00
	Total Debits,	<hr/> \$32,336 24

CREDIT

1917

Oct. 2	By paid State Treasurer, dog licenses, 1917,	\$82 00
Nov. 22	By paid County Treasurer, County Tax, 1917,	1,038 33
Dec. 1	By paid State Treasurer, State Tax 1917,	3,667 93

1918

Jan. 8	By paid Public Library, amount received from State Treasurer,	30 00
8	By paid orders as drawn,	24,951 77
8	By cash in treasury,	2,566 21
	Total credits,	<hr/> \$32,336 24

C. L. DILLINGHAM, *Treasurer.*

VITAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO RETURNS
MADE TO THIS OFFICE TO FEB. 16, 1918.
MARRIAGES

1917

Mar. 26—Frank A. Allen and Angie Fernald.

July 18—William Orson Paine and Alice Mildred Rollins.

July 20—Harold King Tribou and Harriet Isabelle Ricker.

Aug. 15—Harold Bartlett Paine and Urania Florence Duplisea.

Aug. 15—Harold Vinton Watson and Martha Ellen Childs.

Aug. 18—Alfred Haines and Maud Paul.

Sept. 29—George Ripley Eastman and Eeverlyn Knight.

Oct. 3—Ralph Cleon Hall and Orrissa Mary Rollins.

Dec. 18—Erwin R. Fuller and Bessie M. Gilmore.

Dec. 19—Harold Lionel Child and Bertha Gertrude Smith.

BIRTHS

1917

Feb. 25—Guy W. Judkins, daughter.

Mar. 24—Herbert C. Howard, son.

Mar. 28—Lawrence E. Crossman, daughter.

April 25—Herbert L. Bruce, daughter.

April 18—Verdell H. Holman, daughter.

May 6—Walter M. Holman, son.

May 17—Chester C. Cooledge, daughter.

May 24—Charles M. Lane, son.

June 30—Elliott M. Brown, son.

July 6—Grover C. Frost, son.

- Aug. 4—Walter M. Dunsmore, daughter.
Aug. 28—Arthur L. Holnian, son.
Aug. 30—Arthur G. Morse, daughter.
Aug. 21—Allen Hawthorne, son.
Sept. 4—Clarence J. Crawford, daughter..
Sept. 6—Walter E. Chase, son.
Sept. 8—Ollie Bradford, daughter.
Sept. 9—Chas. M. Robinson, daughter.
Sept. 27—Harry E. Cooledge, daughter.
Oct. 23—Fred H. Childs, daughter.
Oct. 24—Philip Gagnon, son.
Oct. 30—Guy E. Webster, daughter.
Nov. 3—Esther Pratt, son.
Nov. 13—Gerald C. Tracy, son.
Nov. 27—Hiram C. Howard, son.
Dec. 6—Jessie W. Adams, daughter.

DEATHS

1917

- March 2—Emily S. Rollins, age 90 yrs., 8 mos., 14 days.
Apr. 19—George Holt, age 84 yrs., 1 mo., 11 days.
Apr. 21—Ann C. Kimball, age 90 yrs., 6 mos., 24 days.
May 17—Infant Cooledge, age $\frac{1}{2}$ day.
May 18—Sybil L. Dillingham, age 58 yrs., 11 mos., 26 days.
June 3—Valorus White, age 76 yrs., 0 mos., 13 days.
June 22—Edsil Grover Brown, age 19 yrs., 10 mos., 19 days.
July 22—Kermit G. Harlow, age 15 yrs., 2 mos., 6 days.

July 24—Lillian Babb, age 50 yrs., 8 mos., 7 days.

Aug. 19—Betsey Sally Holman, age 73 yrs., 11 mos., 5 days.

Sept. 24—John J. Towle, age 69 yrs., 6 mos., 16 days.

Oct. 16—George Thurston Porter, age 52 yrs., 9 mos., 8 days.

Nov. 30—Abel D. Holt, age 54 yrs., 0 mos., 3 days.

Dec. 6—Louise Adams, age 4 hours.

Dec. 8—Abbie M. Delano, age 76 yrs., 7 mos., 26 days.

Dec. 13—Will Scott Marble, age 50 yrs., 10 mos., 5 days.

1918

Jan. 16—Lewis H. Humphrey, age 65 yrs., 1 mo., 6 days.

Feb. 2—Emma C. Child, age 65 yrs., 6 mos., 2 days.

Feb. 10—Henry S. White, age 61 yrs., 2 mos., 22 days.

DOGS LICENSED AFTER APRIL 1, 1917

Number that were licensed,		62
51 males at \$1.00,	\$51 00	
5 females at \$5.00,	25 00	
6 sp'd females at \$1.00,	6 00	
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		\$82 00

Killed or otherwise disposed of :

3 males

1 sp'd female

1 female

BURTON K. MURDOCK, *Town Clerk.*

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens:

In submitting my second annual report concerning the schools of the town I wish first to express my hearty appreciation of the friendly attitude of the parents and citizens. I have met with many of the parents during the past year and have found almost unanimous satisfaction with the schools. This reflects much credit to the teachers for whom I have only words of commendation. They have in nearly all instances shown themselves to be intensely interested in their work. The success of a school depends almost entirely on the kind of teacher employed and not on equipment or supervision, although these are important assets if placed at the disposal of a good teacher.

Several changes have occurred in the teaching force during the year and in each change all vacancies have been filled by teachers of experience and ability, so that at the present time the corps of teachers is certainly superior to that which we have had during the past two years.

ATTENDANCE

During the winter and spring terms the average attendance was 90.6%. The attendance for the fall term was very low on account of the many cases of measles so that the average for the year is 84.7%.

Most of our rural schools are very small and it will be necessary for the Town to take action at its annual meeting on the following: Dunn, Severy Hill and Paul. I would recommend that schools be maintained in the Dunn and Severy Hill districts. Unless a change takes place in the Paul District it would be very unwise to maintain a school for the coming year.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Nearly all of the school buildings in town are in fair condition and it will not require any large expenditure dur-

ing the next year. It might be advisable to make extensive repairs at the Center if it were not for the demands for funds in other directions, but the building is not uncomfortable except in extreme weather and I would not recommend much change at the present time. Our equipment is very good. All schools are provided with suitable books and with a few new blackboards and maps for the rural schools I consider the schools well provided for.

PROGRESS

I find that the work in all of the schools is progressing well and the pupils are meeting with the requirements except in Arithmetic. The eighth grade in the village school will not be able to complete the work in this subject.

The work done in music is very satisfactory. Many pupils are showing considerable ability along this line. Mrs. Smith can certainly get music out of a pupil if there is any to be had.

The war has caused a considerable change in our mode of living and has brought to the attention of the people the need for thrift and increased production. This provides a very fertile field for the educator, especially for the common school teacher. In her hands are placed children whose minds are in a plastic state. The teacher whom the pupils love and respect has an opportunity to put these minds at work in almost any direction that she desires. She can create love of country and correct citizenship. She can impress on the mind the benefits derived from saving and from producing something useful. At the present time the pupils in all of our schools are being urged to buy thrift stamps and are being taught the reasons for buying them as relating to the nation and to the individual. Every child will be urged to become a member of at least one of the Agricultural Clubs which have been organized by the State College of Agriculture. Every effort will be made to supply means for pupils to obtain land, seed, fertilizer, etc., for their garden. Next fall exhibits will be held and prizes offered to those who excel. Parents must assist in order to make these things of the most value. Unless they are brought to the attention of the children while at home during vacation, much of the effort will be lost.

I am glad to report that a considerable number of the

pupils have purchased Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps, many are members of the Red Cross and others will undoubtedly become members of the Junior Red Cross. The teachers have been responsible for much of the activity along these lines and are ready and willing to assist in enterprises of this nature when called upon.

FINANCES

Although some of the accounts have been overdrawn, you will notice that we are in much better shape than last year. I can safely say that no money has been wasted and what overdrafts there are could not be avoided. We are not paying excessively for our teachers and should feel that the services are excellent as compared with the salaries. With the present demand for labor and the high cost of living, we must expect to pay more in the near future. Fuel is costing very high as well as all other things, so it is simply imperative that schools cost more. Taxes are somewhat of a burden, but the law of supply and demand is hard to alter, therefore it becomes necessary to provide for our schools in a way that will cause the scale to balance.

I have been asked by the School Committee to include in my report their list of recommendations for appropriations which is as follows:

Common Schools	\$3,200 00
High School	1,300 00
(\$800.00 to be raised by the town.)	
Books and Supplies	400 00
Repairs	150 00
Insurance and Lights	35 00
Laboratory	100 00
Superintendency	225 00
Incidental Expenses	50 00

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. COOPER,

Superintendent of Schools.

Approved:

GEO. C. GRAY,

E. L. STETSON,

D. W. HARVEY,

Committee.

Report of the Principal of the High School

To the Taxpayers and Officials of Dixfield:

I am pleased to present my second annual report of conditions in the High School.

Its enrollment has been unusually high, fifty-seven at the beginning of the year and fifty-five at present. Of these twenty-six are in the entering class. A class of twelve was graduated last June. The attendance for the first term was entirely satisfactory, but the percentage thus far for this term is much lower. The extremely bad weather and the epidemic of measles have made this unavoidable. The attendance has become normal again and ought to continue so for the remainder of the year.

Although the State Inspector has rated the school a standard high school, the standard of scholarship is not what a standard high school should maintain. If any blame should be due anyone for this condition, I am anxious that the blame be laid on me. The case is simple and can be duplicated in any town of like conditions. By maintaining a high standard of scholarship we should entirely deprive a considerable number of our students of a high school course, because those who could not maintain the pace must fall behind and out. I am sure that the slight retarding of the more apt is more than offset by the benefits to those who otherwise would not be in school at all.

There is at this time a strong temptation to leave school to go to work. Certainly money was never so easy to get, though never so near worthless when it is got. The unskilled laborer of only moderate industry receives more pay than many a professional man. But this is not a normal condition. It will pass away with the war. The war will not last forever. When this condition does pass, the value of educational training will regain, not its own former level, but a much higher level. Trained minds are going to be the things in this whole earth, the most desired and desirable. There is bound to be a demand for them that the supply will

not equal; it is a natural outcome of an unnatural condition. Therefore the really wise parent will see to it that the girl or boy, more especially the boy, stays in school just as long as is possible.

The strained conditions that we are living in seem to make it out of place to ask for any concerted cooperation on the part of parents who are for the most part occupied with even more important affairs. I take this occasion to thank the people of the town for their kindly interest in school matters and most especially do I wish to thank Superintendent Cooper for his real cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKER B. STINSON,

Principal of the High School.

Report of the Supervisor of Music

The children in the lower grades and in the Grammar School have all shown marked improvement during the year, and have a better understanding of the fundamentals of music than at any other time since it has been my pleasure to teach them.

The pupils in the High School are beginning to show the advantages of their earlier training, and we hope before long to have a really good High School chorus.

I am sure all the children are greatly interested and for that reason any effort in their behalf is a pleasure.

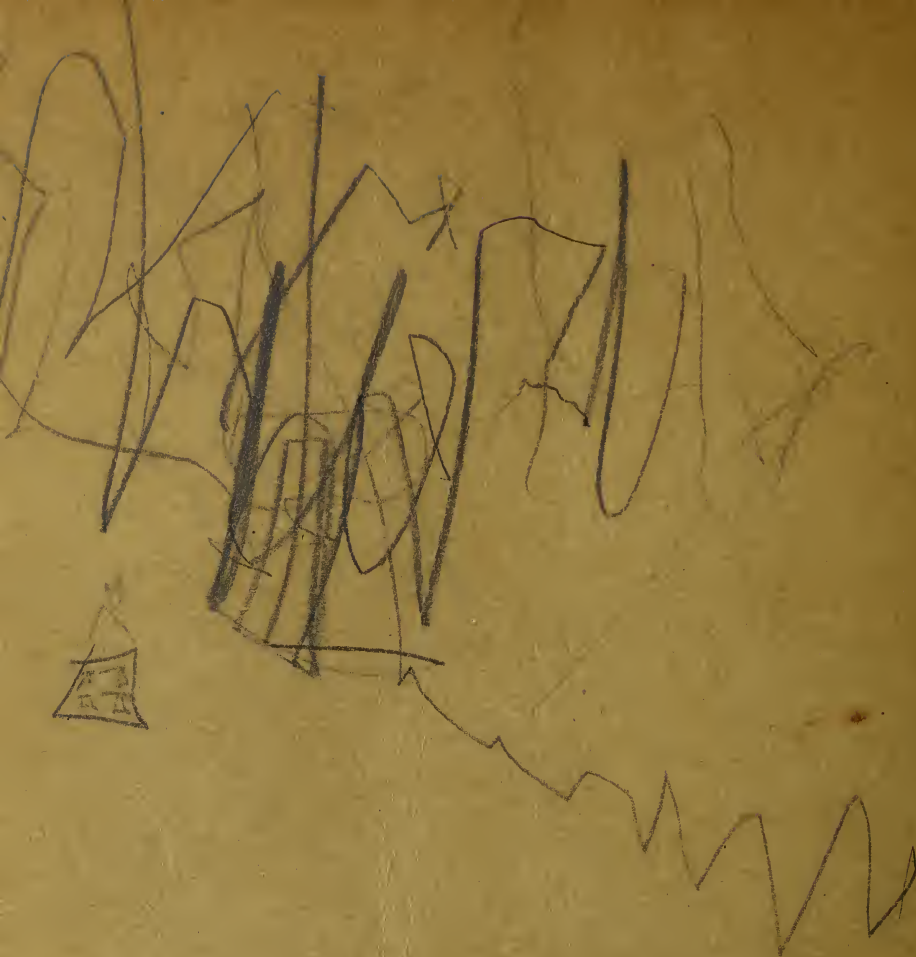
Respectfully submitted,

WYNIFRED STAPLES SMITH.









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TOWN OFFICERS

CLERK

BURTON K. MURDOCK

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

WM. M. KIDDER

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TREASURER

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ARTHUR N. STOWELL

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D. W. HARVEY

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

HENRY W. COBURN

TAX COLLECTOR

JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS

BOARD OF HEALTH

J. S. STURTEVANT, M. D.

W. M. PEASE, M. D.

FRANK ALLEN

Warrant for Town Meeting

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE.

To JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS, *a Constable of the Town of Dixfield,*
in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Dixfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1919, being the third day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 4. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a tax Collector for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To choose one or more members of the School Board.
- ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 15, 1919.
- ART. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts next year.

- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase Books and Supplies, to repair Schoolhouses, Permanent School Fund, for incidental Office expences, for Superintendent of Schools, for Laboratory, for Insurance and Lights, to pay Outstanding Time Orders due, to pay interest on Outstanding Time Orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay Hydrant Rental, Public Library, Support of Poor, to repair Roads and Bridges, to pay interest on Cemetery Funds, Fire Protection, Miscellaneous Town Charges and defray all other Town Charges, and for School Library.
- ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will vote to raise for support of same.
- ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote "Yes" or "No" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid, as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the running expenses of the Town until the taxes can be collected, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State Aid Road.

- ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen as follows: Commencing at a point on the Westerly line of Pine street, at the Southeasterly corner of land now occupied by Henry Orvis Rowe; thence North sixty (60) degrees West; three hundred seventy-five (375) feet over land of the said Henry Orvis Rowe, and land of the Forster Manufacturing Company, and to be known as "Rowe" street. Thence North thirty (30) degrees East over land of said Forster Manufacturing Company five hundred twenty-nine and five-tenths (529.5) feet and to be known as Sugar Loaf Av.; thence South sixty (60) degrees East over land of the said Forster Manufacturing Company, land of the Dixfield Toothpick Company, and land of John S. Harlow, three hundred seventy-eight and eight-tenths (378.8) feet to said Pine street, said way to be fifty (50) feet wide, and according to a plan made by Henry Nelson, dated June 5th, 1915, and recorded in Oxford Registry of Deeds, Book "B", page 52, and to see how much money the Town will vote to raise to pay the said Henry Orvis Rowe for land damage. The said Forster Manufacturing Company, Dixfield Toothpick Company and John S. Harlow waive any and all claims for land damaged on account of location of said way.
- ART. 17. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to pay for street lights at East Village.
- ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn District.
- ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill District.
- ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in Towle District.
- ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Paul District.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote a special appropriation for the Severy Hill Schoolhouse, and how much money the Town will vote to raise for the same.

- ART. 23. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to build a new Schoolhouse on the Common or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of repairing the streets in Dixfield Village.
- ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$500.00 to be expended on the Valley Road, providing the State appropriates the same amount.
- ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to elect a board of overseers of the poor for three-year terms, one term to expire each year.
- ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to elect three special Assessors to make a revaluation of all the real estate in town, and how much money the town will vote to raise to defray said expenses, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 28. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 154 of the Public Laws of 1917 for the construction of a State highway extending from the end of the finished "State Aid Road," leading to Carthage, to the Carthage town line.
- ART. 29. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield this 15th day of February, A. D. 1919.

WM. M. KIDDER,
W. W. ROLLINS,
K. K. BRACKETT,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

Report of Selectmen

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year ending February 15th, 1919.

Value of real estate, resident,	\$423,175.00	
Value of real estate, non resident,	55,425.00	
Total real estate,		\$478,600.00
Value of personal estate, resident,	\$194,110.00	
Value of personal estate, non-resident,	14,340.00	
Total personal estate,		\$208,450.00
Total valuation,		\$687,050.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For common schools,	\$3,200.00
Books and supplies,	400.00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	150.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Incidental Office expenses,	50.00
Superintendent of Schools,	225.00
Laboratory,	100.00
Insurance and lights,	35.00
Outstanding time orders due,	1,000.00
Municipal Officers,	850.00
Interest on time orders due,	500.00
Hydrant rental,	300.00
Public library,	300.00
Support of poor,	700.00
Roads and bridges,	4,575.00
Interest on Cemetery funds,	66.00
Miscellaneous town charges,	300.00
Free High School,	800.00
State Aid Road,	533.00
State Aid maintenance,	350.00
Land damage Pleasant St. E. Village,	50.00

Street lights, E. Village,	50.00
Science Hill Cemetery fence,	20.00
State tax,	3,667.93
County tax,	1,038.33
Overlay,	909.59

Total commitment,	\$20,214.85
Number of polls,	328
Number of polls not taxed,	5
Rate of poll tax,	\$3.00
Rate of property tax,	.028
Amount of poll tax,	984.00
Amount of property tax,	19,230.85
	<hr/> \$20,214.85

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

Salable Live Stock	No	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses,	259	\$105.52	\$27,340.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years,	10	72.00	720.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years,	4	47.50	190.00
Colts, under 2 years,	2	35.00	70.00
Cows,	452	49.59	22,415.00
Oxen,	12	77.08	925.00
Three-year-olds,	101	38.65	3,905.00
Two-year-olds,	127	26.69	3,380.00
Sheep over 35 in number,	15	7.00	105.00
Swine over 10 in number,	2	15.00	30.00
			<hr/> \$59,090.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
One-year-olds,	161	\$16.36	\$2,635.00
Sheep to 35 in number,	307	8.13	2,497.00
Swine to 10 in number,	139	20.96	2,915.00
			<hr/> \$8,047.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank stock,	\$10,400.00
Trust Co. stock,	4,000.00
Other company's stock,	18,200.00

Money at interest,	1,000.00	
Stock in trade,	29,400.00	
Shipping,	970.00	
Logs and lumber,	17,470.00	
Wood and bark,	3,000.00	
Automobiles,	29,425.00	
Musical instruments,	6,395.00	
Finished products in mills,	9,750.00	
Materials in stock,	6,000.00	
Other property,	13,350.00	
	<hr/>	\$149,360.00
Amount live stock brought forward,		59,090.00
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Total amount of taxable personal property,		\$208,450.00

COMMON SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$3,200.00	
Unexpended balance,	190.14	
Interest on school fund,	45.00	
Charles Dunham, tuition,	17.00	
State, Equalization fund,	200.00	
State, Common School fund,	1,055.52	
State, School and Mill fund,	1,037.82	
Town of Mexico, tuition,	277.58	
	<hr/>	\$6,023.06
Available,		

EXPENDITURES

Teaching,	\$3,250.00	
Fuel,	706.09	
Janitor service,	461.00	
Conveyance,	363.05	
Tuition, Town of Wilton,	372.61	
	<hr/>	\$5,153.25
Unexpended,		\$869.81

FREE HIGH SCHOOL

RECEIPTS

Appropriated,	\$800.00
Unexpended balance,	112.35
State,	500.00

Town of Hartford,	60.00
Town of Peru,	460.00
	<hr/> \$1,932.35

EXPENDITURES

Teaching,	\$1,540.00
Janitor service,	167.00
Fuel,	277.23
Tuition, town of Peru, reimbursement,	204.00
	<hr/> \$2,189.20
Overdrawn,	\$256.85
Transferred from Unappropriated Funds account to balance,	\$256.85
Due from Town of Hartford, tuition,	\$40.00
Due for tuition, Fall term, 1918,	\$50.00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation,	\$400.00
Received from sale of supplies,	118.48
	<hr/> \$518.48
Overdrawn Feb., 1918,	71.41
	<hr/> \$447.07
Expended,	509.59
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Overdrawn,	\$62.52

REPAIRS

Appropriation,	\$150.00
Overdraft,	12.06
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Available,	\$137.94
Expended,	134.33
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Unexpended,	\$3.61

SPECIAL REPAIRS FOR SEVERY HILL

Received from State,	\$225.00
Unexpended,	\$225.00

LABORATORY

Appropriation,	\$100.00
	90.96
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Unexpended,	\$9.04

INSURANCE AND LIGHTS

Appropriation,	\$35.00
Unexpended balance,	32.57
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Available,	\$67.57
Expended,	56.50
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Unexpended,	\$11.07

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$225.00
Unexpended balance,	31.25
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Available,	\$256.25
Expended,	249.97
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Unexpended,	\$6.28

OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Expended,	51.17
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Overdrawn,	\$1.17
Transferred from Unappropriated Funds account to balance,	\$1.17

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	\$850.00
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No.	ORDERS DRAWN	
271	Wm. T. Eustis, ballot clerk,	\$ 3.00
389	Wm. T. Eustis, ballot clerk,	3.00
650	E. L. Stetson, school board,	10.00
651	D. W. Harvey, school board,	10.00
652	A. N. Stowell, school board,	10.00

653	A. N. Stowell, ballot clerk,	6.00
654	D. A. Gates, ballot clerk,	6.00
655	Geo. W. Dockham, ballot clerk,	6.00
656	Geo. W. Dockham, truant officer,	25.00
695	J. S. Sturtevant, M. D, Sec, board of health,	11.00
698	C. L. Dillingham, treasurer,	75.00
699	J. P. Edmunds, constable,	15.00
700	J. P. Edmunds, dog constable,	10.00
737	J. P. Edmunds, collector,	404.98
738	Wm. M. Kidder, 1st Selectman,	125.00
739	W. W. Rollins, 2nd Selectman,	60.00
740	K. K. Brackett, 3rd Selectman,	60.00
742	Burton K. Murdock, clerk,	10.00
		<hr/> \$849.98
Unexpended balance,		<hr/> \$.02

SEWER REPAIRS

Balance from old account,	\$412.68
Rec'd from F. L. Willoughby (entrance),	25.00
Rec'd from Geo. W. Ricker (entrance),	25.00
Rec'd from N. S. Stowell (entrance),	25.00
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	\$487.68
Orders drawn,	174.49
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Unexpended balance,	\$313.19
Due from R. L. Butler (entrance), \$25.00.	

SNOW FENCE AT MARBLES ICE POND

Balance from last year,	\$100.00
No orders drawn,	
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Balance,	\$100.00

DRAINING ROAD NEAR DUNN CEMETERY

Balance from last year,	\$50.00
No orders drawn	
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Balance,	\$50.00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation,	\$300.00

DIXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid W. M. Pease, M. D., trustee,	\$300.00

MEMORIAL DAY FUND

Deposited in Dixfield Branch, Rumford Falls Trust Co., June 30th, 1917 the interest to be used for the benefit of the G. A. R.	\$100.00
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MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

By balance old account	\$144.92
Appropriation,	300.00
Transfer from Peru Ferry,	7.50
Rec'd from State (sheep killed),	331.50
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	\$783.92

No. ORDERS DRAWN

67	Lewiston Journal, town reports,	\$65.00
107	Loring, Short & Harmon, town books,	15.30
128	Wm. T. Eustis, bond for ferryman,	5.00
172	Leslie Irish, repairs boat,	2.50
210	Wm. M. Kidder, postage and stationery,	20.05
211	C. L. Dillingham, postage,	2.37
215	E. Etta Holman, land damage,	35.00
333	N. D. Marsh, guide board,	3.00
364	Wm. M. Kidder, guide board,	.75
506	G. P. Torrey, sheep killed,	84.00
507	Geo. H. Towle, sheep killed,	42.00
508	W. C. Hall, sheep killed,	135.00
544	D. C. Coolidge, watering tub,	2.25
550	F. W. Morrison, sheep killed,	22.50
572	D. M. Torrey & Son, sheep killed,	48.00
692	M. McIntire, tramps,	5.00
696	J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., births & deaths,	5.75
729	A. Whitman, watering tub,	3.00
730	W. M. Pease, M. D., births and deaths,	2.25
731	V. O. White, M. D., births and deaths,	.75
735	K. K. Brackett, use of automobile,	7.00
743	Burton K. Murdock, clerk expenses,	12.35
338	Daniel Oneil, flag for school,	7.50
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		\$526.32
	Unexpended balance,	<hr/>
		\$257.60

PENSION FOR DEPENDENT SOLDIERS

No.	ORDERS DRAWN	
539	Josephine S. Drew,	\$ 49.00
540	Agnes E. Whittemore,	49.00
541	Blandine E. Williams,	44.00
542	Florence D. Paine,	44.00
610	Josephine S. Drew,	38.00
611	Agnes E. Whittemore,	36.00
612	Blandine E. Williams,	20.57
613	Florence D. Paine,	20.57
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		\$301.14
Due from State of Maine,		\$301.14

STREET LIGHTS, EAST VILLAGE

Appropriation,	\$50.00	
Transfer unappropriated funds,	.04	
	<hr/>	\$50.04
Orders drawn,		\$50.04

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST—\$1,650.00

EUSTIS FUND—\$500.00

Balance old account,	\$68.43	
Appropriation, one year's interest, 4%,	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$88.43

ORDERS DRAWN

S. A. Russell,	\$24.00	
Trans. Greenwood Cemetery,	19.80	
	<hr/>	\$43.80
Unexpended balance,		\$44.63

ROSANNA CUMMINGS FUND—\$50.00

Balance old account,	\$35.00	
Appropriation one year's interest,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$37.00
No orders drawn		
Unexpended balance,		\$37.00

RIVERSIDE FUND—\$1,000.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$40.00	
Paid J. M. Holland, order No. 657,	\$40.00	

GLINES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland, order No. 659,	\$2.00

KNOWLES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland, order No. 658,	\$2.00

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Balance old account,	\$241.16	
Received from		
Jennie White,	\$30.00	
Margie E. Tupper,	30.00	
Geo. W. Ricker,	30.00	
E. W. Davenport,	30.00	
C. P. Howe,	30.00	
Mrs. C. E. Furnald,	30.00	
E. Etta Holman,	30.00	
Chas. H. Small,	25.00	
W. D. Littlefield,	25.00	
Ethel C. Keene,	30.00	
Alfred S. Wing,	8.50	
F. M. Marshall,	30.00	
Transfer from Eustis Fund,	19.80	
	<hr/>	\$589.46
Orders drawn,		232.16
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Unexpended balance,		\$357.30
Due from Geo. W. Ricker, \$30.00.		

DUNN CEMETERY

Balance old account, —	\$50.00
No orders	
Unexpended balance,	\$50.00

SCIENCE HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation,	\$20.00
No orders	
Unexpended balance,	\$20.00

DIXFIELD & PERU FERRY

Balance old account,	\$35.70	
Received from Town of Peru,	22.55	
	<hr/>	\$58.25
Orders drawn,		45.11
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Unexpended balance,		\$13.14

DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

Balance old account,		\$84.50
No orders		
Unexpended balance,		\$84.50

STATE PAUPER—FRANK NEWELL

Orders drawn,		\$309.50
Received from State,	\$191.23	
Due from State,	118.27	
	<hr/>	\$309.50

MRS. ADDIE M. LOVEJOY

Orders drawn,		\$336.36
Received for rents,	\$210.00	
Transferred from poor account,	126.36	
	<hr/>	\$336.36

SUPPORT OF POOR

Balance old account,	\$106.39	
Appropriation,	700.00	
	<hr/>	\$806.39
Support of Hiram Stone,	\$311.48	
Support of A. E. Blaisdell,	207.90	
Casket and box for Doris Bachelder,	22.00	
Burial of Agostino del Chiaro,	30.00	
Transfer from Addie M. Lovejoy account,	126.36	
Transfer from State pauper account,	118.27	
	<hr/>	\$816.01
By transfer unappropriated funds,		\$9.62
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		\$816.01

TIME ORDERS DUE

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Paid Zerna E. White, order 197,	\$1,000.00

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS DUE

Balance old account,	\$136.24	
Appropriation,	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$636.24
Paid		
68 E. L. Torrey,	\$20.00	
75 G. P. Torrey,	35.04	
78 Verdurina Ludden,	10.00	
119 E. L. Torrey,	10.00	
286 Mary Johnston,	157.56	
291 Verdurina Ludden,	30.00	
306 Zerna E. White,	20.00	
327 Zerna E. White,	20.00	
367 E. L. Torrey,	20.00	
419 Verdurina Ludden,	10.00	
427 E. L. Torrey,	10.00	
660 Verdurina Ludden,	30.00	
661 Zerna E. White,	20.00	
662 Mary Johnston,	22.80	
663 Mary Johnston,	10.00	
664 Mary Johnston,	30.00	
665 Mary Johnston,	10.00	
666 Mary Johnston,	5.98	
667 E. E. Brown,	40.00	
668 G. P. Torrey,	66.00	
	<hr/>	\$577.38
Unexpended balance,		\$58.86

OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

530 Nov. 16, 1907, G. P. Torrey,	\$ 300.00
102 June 5, 1908, McGregor Brothers,	1,140.00
142 June 29, 1908, E. E. Brown,	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$2,440.00
Issued on account of temporary loans authorized at special town meeting, March 15, 1909.	
608 Apr. 1, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	\$500.00
609 Apr. 8, 1909, J. P. Johnston,	500.00

689	Apr. 8, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
695	May 20, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
		<hr/> \$1,400.00

Issued on account of first schoolhouse.

103	June 16, 1909, Zerna E. White,	\$1,000.00
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Due July 1, 1919.

Issued on account schoolhouse addition.

772	July 27, 1914, J. P. Johnston,	\$500.00
909	Oct. 5, 1914, E. L. Torrey,	500.00
1211	Feb. 13, 1915, J. P. Johnston,	299.19
		<hr/> \$1,299.19

Issued on account new schoolhouse.

1422	Sept. 1, 1915, E. L. Torrey,	\$1,000.00
1423	Aug. 31, 1916, G. P. Torrey,	450.00
1468	Oct. 1, 1915, Verdurina Ludden,	500.00
341	Jan. 13, 1917, J. P. Johnston,	1,500.00
343	Jan. 13, 1917, Verdurina Ludden,	1,500.00
		<hr/> \$4,950.00
	Total outstanding loans,	\$11,089.19

NOTE.—\$192.60 of this account was due and should have been paid last year.

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation,	\$533.00
Received from State,	701.31
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	14.02
	<hr/> \$1,248.33
Orders drawn,	\$1,248.33

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Balance old account,	\$ 77.44
State appropriation,	543.00
Town appropriation,	350.00
Transfer unappropriated funds,	177.10
	<hr/> \$1,147.54

COST OF PATROL

State paid,	\$520.86
Town paid,	527.10
	<hr/> \$1,047.96

Unexpended balance in State Treasury,	\$99.58
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ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation,	\$4,500.00
Transfer road near W. W. Rollins,	75.00
Received from John S. Harlow,	50.37
Received from State road machine work,	50.00
	<hr/> \$4,675.37

ORDERS DRAWN (Summer Work)

Wm. W. Childs,	\$ 4.25
John Putnam,	45.12
C. M. Lane,	42.25
John Steele,	3.51
W. O. Babb,	15.00
John Putnam,	28.00
J. S. Adams,	35.75
Verdelle Holman,	6.00
W. O. Babb,	30.00
S. V. Harlow,	7.50
John Putnam,	56.00
E. M. Woodman,	12.00
Roland Grover,	6.00
Vivian Morrison,	3.50
Harry Whittemore,	6.00
S. V. Harlow,	24.00
Alphonzo Whitman,	97.40
Geo. I. Fletcher,	37.50
J. Pavillo,	10.00
Bert D. Coolidge,	10.00
C. C. Coolidge,	4.65
Fred Whittemore,	11.50
W. F. Drown, plank,	42.00
E. M. Woodman,	25.00
Milton Lane,	57.00
A. L. Holman,	12.50
A. G. Hathaway,	31.30
Scott Philbrick,	21.00
Leon L. Knapp,	13.50
Roy Hall,	9.00
Lamont Philbrick,	9.00
C. H. Eustis,	73.74
Frank Holman,	37.50
John Tucker,	5.00
Erwin R. Fuller,	7.80

E. G. Porter,	12.00
W. O. Babb,	65.00
K. K. Brackett,	147.00
C. M. Lane,	133.00
C. M. Lane,	4.00
Leon L. Knapp,	6.00
John Putnam,	7.00
G. P. Torrey,	3.65
J. S. Adams,	33.00
E. M. Woodman,	3.00
Emery Cox,	6.00
A. L. Douglass,	53.00
B. T. Berry,	6.00
C. M. Conant,	1.88
H. W. Beedy,	53.17
H. H. Babb,	15.00
K. K. Brackett,	164.88
D. E. Russell,	50.00
D. A. Adams,	3.25
G. M. Walton,	8.00
Clyde Paul,	1.75
Hezzie Packard,	3.00
S. D. Rand,	9.00
C. P. Howe,	2.00
W. W. Rollins,	133.72
W. O. Paine,	96.00
H. H. Babb,	3.00
W. W. Rollins,	69.28
Delmont Hall,	4.65
C. M. Lane,	14.00
Percy Drown,	22.21
Frank M. Weld,	3.50
Fred Weld,	3.50
J. S. Adams,	42.00
Wm. M. Kidder,	3.15
C. L. Oldham,	9.25
S. V. Harlow,	15.00
S. V. Harlow,	12.00
Kidder Brothers, plank,	35.00
R. M. Burnham,	10.50
Erwin B. Fuller,	27.00
W. E. Wilder, plank,	35.10
H. L. Rand,	7.00

Elliott Brown,	3.00
Walter Murchant,	3.00
Roy Hall,	3.00
Geo. Towle,	3.00
Alphonzo Whitman,	47.00
J. P. Edmunds,	1.95
Chas. Ford,	4.50
D. C. Coolidge,	59.50
Walter E. Wright,	18.00
H. E. Coolidge,	15.50
Clyde Wright,	12.00
E. G. Porter,	7.00
Fred Weld,	6.00
Almon W. Coolidge,	3.00
Leon L. Knapp,	12.00
Norman Hutchinson,	12.00
Clarence Danforth,	2.24
Walter Dunsmore,	9.02
Nelson Rose,	17.00
Myron Holman,	15.75
Geo. I. Fletcher,	19.50
Jessie W. Adams,	67.00
J. S. Adams,	70.00
Jessie W. Adams,	30.00
Rodger D. Holman,	10.69
C. M. Lane,	28.00
John S. Harlow,	12.00
W. W. Rollins,	82.50
George E. Carlton,	32.00
George L. Lothrop,	15.00
John Tucker,	9.72
C. C. Smith,	22.90
Erwin Fuller,	12.00
A. G. Hathaway,	28.50
C. H. Towle,	41.51
C. L. Dillingham,	8.12
A. L. Douglass,	5.00
G. M. Walton,	5.00
K. K. Brackett,	29.50
P. W. Torrey,	2.67
M. L. Walton,	6.66
J. S. Adams,	45.00
Frank Whittemore,	6.00

Edward Kilbreth,	10.00
Transfer Winter work,	1,790.22
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	\$4,821.16
Transfer from Unappropriated Funds,	145.79

WINTER WORK.

J. G. Hutchinson,	\$ 37.40
Dana Mahew,	2.70
Norman Hutchinson,	12.37
Myron Holman,	9.00
Walter E. Holman,	8.75
E. E. Holman,	5.05
W. F. Drown,	28.00
C. C. Coolidge,	4.07
Bert D. Coolidge,	22.07
W. F. Chandler,	38.25
Ilus Chandler,	25.50
C. H. Eustis,	4.01
P. W. Torrey,	2.38
A. G. Howard,	15.00
John Putnam,	7.00
W. E. Towle,	10.00
L. M. Masterman,	9.65
W. C. Porter,	46.09
J. S. Adams,	59.17
Walter W. Dunsmore,	45.90
W. H. Smith,	26.00
W. C. Smith,	6.00
Allen Curtis,	18.75
L. F. Blanchard,	30.80
Ralph Walton,	13.34
Arthur Holman,	14.40
D. C. Coolidge,	20.00
John Tucker,	34.00
Harry Coolidge,	30.50
C. C. Smith,	32.20
C. S. Wright,	13.62
A. L. Douglass,	10.50
W. E. Wright,	28.00
D. E. Russell,	15.40
Nelson Coolidge,	3.37
Erwin Fuller,	6.60
Elmer Flagg,	36.50

Arthur Legear,	13.50
W. M. Andrews,	25.90
R. H. Burnham,	37.50
W. W. Rollins,	37.50
A. G. Hathaway,	46.05
Frank Holman,	18.90
A. R. Coolidge,	33.00
Harold Babb,	5.70
Delmont Hall,	22.09
Geo. L. Lothrop,	13.55
B. T. Berry,	20.25
Joseph Hannaford,	13.00
Joseph Curneil,	3.12
S. D. Rand,	13.75
W. C. Hall,	26.57
H. L. Chandler,	3.00
M. L. Walton,	7.78
Walter M. Holman,	19.80
Harry Whittemore,	11.00
H. M. Packard,	4.46
E. G. Porter,	35.65
A. L. Carlton,	10.00
A. Whitman,	18.75
Fred Whittemore,	3.50
Frank Whittemore,	1.25
Frank Whittemore,	2.25
E. G. Porter,	3.50
Ralph Whittemore,	2.25
B. T. Berry,	6.75
Delmont Adams,	6.79
Fred Weld,	26.40
Nelson Hannaford,	3.32
Leon L. Knapp,	5.60
William M. Kidder,	3.00
Leon L. Knapp,	2.75
J. S. Adams,	30.89
E. E. Holman,	.85
Walter E. Holman,	4.13
Myron Holman,	2.88
Paul & Weeks,	18.75
E. L. Torrey,	16.12
William W. Childs,	12.00
A. J. Pillsbury,	14.22

George I. Fletcher,	15.00
W. E. Wright,	13.95
W. W. Rollins,	32.25
A. G. Hathaway,	24.25
Frank Holman,	14.50
G. W. Robertson,	3.55
Scott Philbrick,	18.75
Verdelle Holman,	15.25
W. M. Andrews,	12.25
A. L. Douglass,	1.50
Clyde S. Wright,	8.10
R. H. Burnham,	1.50
Harry Coolidge,	12.67
John Tucker,	14.60
D. E. Russell,	15.30
John F. Grover,	14.30
E. F. Taylor,	.75
Elmer Flagg,	16.05
Guy E. Webster,	7.84
Bert D. Coolidge,	2.00
Walter W. Dunsmore,	5.70
W. F. Drown,	6.90
A. L. Holman,	16.50
Allen Curtis,	11.76
A. R. Coolidge,	17.22
W. H. Smith,	2.25
L. G. Blanchard,	11.50
G. P. Torrey,	5.35
R. E. Walton,	1.25
Clyde Paul,	2.31
Norman Hutchinson,	5.00
M. E. Reed,	24.60
D. C. Coolidge,	6.60
W. C. Porter,	16.06
J. G. Hutchinson,	9.00
Jessie W. Adams,	37.50
C. C. Coolidge,	4.50
Ilus Chandler,	5.00
W. T. Chandler,	5.00
A. Whitman,	11.50
<hr/> \$1,790.22	

NOTE.—We have paid snow bills for last winter to the amount of \$1,400 that should have been paid by the last board of Selectmen.

GRAVELLING 3RD STREET

By balance old account,	\$284.89
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ORDERS DRAWN

W. O. Howard,	\$17.88
Elliott Brown,	17.88
Walter Merchant,	17.88
Harry Rand,	88.25
A. D. Wentworth,	24.50
A. N. Stowell,	14.00
K. K. Brackett,	46.00
C. M. Lane,	45.50
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	271.89
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Unexpended balance,	\$13.00

ABATEMENTS

Alton Babb, dead,	\$3.00
John A. Babb, error,	3.00
Heirs of Roscoe Babb, poor,	4.20
Arthur Burgess, not of age,	3.00
A. E. Blaisdell, poor,	5.80
Leavitt Boyd, gone,	3.00
Herman Cotton, gone,	3.00
Bert Caldwell, gone,	3.00
H. O. Ford, paid in Wilton,	3.00
Daniel Holman, paid in Rumford,	3.00
Bennett Holman, in the service,	3.00
John E. Holman, paid in Livermore,	3.00
Verdurina Ludden, error,	2.80
Lamont Libby, paid in Peru,	3.00
Orson Merrill, old and blind,	3.00
Chester Magoon, not of age,	3.00
George Pouff, gone,	3.00
Arthur Packard, paid in Rumford,	3.00
Herman Roberts, gone,	3.00
Parker Stinson, in the service,	3.00
Chester Webster, lived in Wilton,	3.00
Walter Dunsmore, not of age,	3.00
Heirs of Amos Blake, will fall to town,	11.20
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	\$81.00

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

Balance from old account,	\$525.51	
Received from P. E. Colcord, license,	10.00	
Overlay,	909.59	
Received from Hiram Howard,	2.00	
Road machine wheels,	10.00	
Ralph M. Butler, license,	1.00	
Road machine wheels,	10.00	
A. J. Marsh, license,	2.00	
C. A. Wilson, license,	1.00	
Dog license refund,	10.96	
State R. R. and Tel. tax,	25.61	
Supplementary tax,	34.20	
Severy Hill Cemetery,	2.93	
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		\$1,544.80
Abatements,	\$81.00	
Transferred to East Dixfield street lights,	.04	
State aid road,	\$ 14.02	
State aid road maintenance,	176.95	
Free high school,	256.85	
Incidental office expense,	1.17	
Roads and bridges,	145.79	
Interest on temporary loan,	69.66	
Support of poor,	9.62	
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		\$755.10
Unexpended balance,		\$789.70

SNOW FENCE AT MARBLE'S ICE POND

Balance old account,	\$100.00
No orders drawn.	
Unexpended balance,	\$100.00

DRAINING ROAD NEAR DUNN CEMETERY

Balance old account,	\$50.00
No orders drawn	
Unexpended balance,	\$50.00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION FOR TOWLE HILL

Balance old account,	\$5.02
No orders drawn	
Unexpended balance,	\$5.02

DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

Balance old account,	\$84.50
No orders drawn	
Unexpended balance,	\$84.50

LAND DAMAGE PLEASANT ST., EAST VILLAGE

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Paid Walter Fletcher,	\$50.00

BALANCE SHEET

		<i>Bal. Overdraw</i>
Common schools,	\$869.81	
Special repairs Severy Hill schoolhouse,	225.00	
Books and supplies,		62.52
Repairs,	3.61	
Superintendence,	6.28	
Interest on time orders,	58.86	
Miscellaneous town charges,	257.60	
Laboratory,	9.04	
Unappropriated funds,	789.70	
Municipal officers,	.02	
State Aid pension,		301.14
Graveling streets,	13.00	
Greenwood cemetery,	357.30	
Dunn cemetery,	50.00	
Science Hill cemetery,	20.00	
Eustis Fund,	44.63	
Cummings Fund,	37.00	
Sewer Account,	313.19	
Dixfield Fire Co.,	84.50	
Insurance and lights,	11.07	
Dixfield and Peru Ferry,	13.14	
Snow fence at Marble's ice pond,	100.00	
Draining road near Dunn cemetery,	50.00	
Special appropriation for Towle hill,	5.02	
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Balance,	\$3,318.77	
Overdraw,	363.66	
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Final balance, (cash in treasury),	\$2,955.11	

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

LIABILITIES

Outstanding loans,	\$11,089.19
Cemetery funds held in trust,	1,650.00
Book and supplies (overdrawn),	62.52
Due town of Wilton for tuition,	350.00
	<hr/> \$13,151.71

RESOURCES

Due from State (State aid pension),	\$301.14
Due from State (State pauper), L	118.27
Due from Geo. W. Ricker (cemetery lot),	30.00
Due from R. M. Butler (sewer entrance),	25.00
Due from Town of Hartford, tuition,	40.00
Due for tuition, Fall term, 1918,	50.00
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 12, 1919,	2,955.11
	<hr/> \$3,519.52

Net amount of liabilities,	<hr/> \$9,632.19
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Respectively submitted,

WM. M. KIDDER,
K. K. BRACKETT,
W. W. ROLLINS,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

Treasurer's Report

1918		DR.	
Feb.	25.	To cash balance from 1917 account,	\$2,566.21
		To cash from	
	25.	Mrs. H. S. White, cemetery lot,	30.00
Apr.	5.	Loan from Rumford Falls Trust Co.,	20.00
	6.	Margie E. Tupper, cemetery lot,	30.00
	10.	Geo. W. Ricker, cemetery lot,	30.00
	18.	Town of Peru High School,	200.00
	19.	Hiram Howard, use of land near Henry Luce,	2.00
	25.	State Treasurer, support of poor,	55.32
May	3.	J. S. Harlow, repair hill near Jeff White bridge,	50.37
June	12.	P. E. Colcord, billiard license,	10.00
	20.	Wm. M. Kidder, road machine wheels sold,	10.00
July	2.	R. M. Butler, 4th of July license,	1.00
		Town of Hartford, High School,	60.00
	12.	State Treasurer, highway,	50.00
	24.	E. W. Davenport, cemetery lot,	30.00
	27.	State Treasurer, support of poor,	72.85
Aug.	9.	C. P. Howe, cemetery lot,	30.00
	20.	Town of Peru High School,	160.00
	21.	Mrs. C. E. Fernald, cemetery lot,	30.00
	27.	B. K. Murdock, dog licenses,	76.00
Sept.	14.	State Treasurer, public library,	30.00
Oct.	19.	C. M. Lane, common schools,	.30
	25.	State Treasurer, support of poor,	63.06
Nov.	5.	E. Etta Holman, cemetery lot,	30.00
	19.	Chas. Dunham, common schools,	17.00
	28.	State Treasurer, common schools,	200.00
	28.	State Treas., com. schools spec. acct.	225.00
	28.	State Treas., highway,	393.66
Dec.	2.	State Treas., dog licenses refunded,	10.96
	2.	State Treas., school mill fund,	1,037.82
	2.	State Treas., common school fund,	1,055.52

	2.	State Treas., R. R. and Tel. Tax,	25.61
	11.	Chas. H. Small, cemetery lot,	25.00
	11.	Wm. D. Littlefield, cemetery lot,	25.00
	13.	State Treas., damage to dom. animals,	261.00
	13.	Ethel A. Keene, cemetery lot,	30.00
	13.	Wm. M. Kidder, road machine sold,	10.00
	17.	F. L. Willoughby, entering sewer,	25.00
	21.	State Treas., state roads,	701.31
	21.	Town of Carthage, books & supplies,	6.72
	26.	Alfred S. Wing, cemetery lot,	8.50
	27.	Geo. W. Ricker, entering sewer,	25.00
	28.	State Treas., for high school,	500.00
1919			
Jan.	2.	State Treas., damage to dom. animals,	48.00
	2.	State Treas., dam. to dom. animals,	22.50
	13.	Frank M. Marshall, cemetery lot,	30.00
	13.	Town of Mexico, common schools,	277.58
	17.	Town of Weld, books and supplies,	2.77
	17.	Town of Peru, books and supplies,	9.74
	17.	Town of Peru, free high school,	100.00
	19.	Town of Peru, ferry account,	22.55
	19.	A. J. Marsh, auctioneer's license,	2.00
	21.	N. S. Stowell, entering sewer,	25.00
	29.	Chas. Wilson, victualer's license,	1.00
Feb.	7.	P. M. Cooper, books and supplies,	38.75
	7.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	60.50
	9.	Addie M. Lovejoy, support of poor,	210.00
	9.	J. P. Edmunds, collector, tax commitment for 1918,	20,249.05
Total debits,			<hr/> \$31,299.65
CREDIT			
1918			
Aug.	28.	By paid State Treas., dog licenses, 1918, \$	76.00
Nov.	29.	By paid Public library, amt. from state,	30.00
Dec.	2.	By paid State Treas., state tax 1918,	3,667.93
	11.	By paid County Treas., county tax 1918,	1,038.33
	11.	By paid orders as drawn,	23,532.28
1919			
Feb.	10.	By cash in treasury,	2,955.11
Total credits,			<hr/> \$31,299.65

C. S. DILLINGHAM,
Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO RETURNS MADE TO THIS OFFICE TO FEB. 10, 1919.

MARRIAGES

1918

- Feb. 16—Ralph L. Winter and Thera G. Wright.
Feb. 18—Howard Elgin Rafeese and Mildred Atline Tracy.
Mar. 20—Robert Chester Easter and Stella Jones.
May 7—Chester Clyde Grover and Pearle DeCoster.
June 30—Carl Leslie Weld and Mary Emma Hutchins.
Sept. 10—Ralph Gilbert Whittemore and Julia Agnes Lally.
Sept. 30—George Watson Brown and Bernice Estella Flagg.
Oct. 19—Urban Ambrose Blaisdell and Ellen Victoria Hodge.
Dec. 7—Frank Marion Weld and Susie Mae Spaulding.
Dec. 22—Elmer J. Wills and Lena M. Webster.
Jan. 11, 1919—Merle D. Berry and Mamie Clara Lovejoy.

BIRTHS

1918

- Mar. 25—Mr. and Mrs. Dana S. Mitchell, son.
Apr. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Kidder, daughter.
Apr. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Butler, daughter.
Apr. 24—Mr. and Mrs. John A. Putnam, Jr., daughter.
May 8—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Willoughby, son.
May 9—Mr. and Mrs. Merle A. Witham, son.
May 10—Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Drown, son.
May 22—Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Holman, son.
June 15—Mr. and Mrs. Ellery C. Austin, daughter.
June 17—Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Lambert, daughter.
June 29—Mr. and Mrs. William Paine, son.

July 5—Mr. and Mrs. Laforest O. Collins, son.
 July 10—Mr. and Mrs. Parker M. Cooper, daughter.
 July 11—Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Child, daughter.
 July 18—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Wing, son.
 Aug. 14—Mr. and Mrs. Alphonzo Whitman, daughter.
 Sept. 16—Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Dunsmoore, daughter.
 Sept. 26—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Walton, daughter.
 Oct. 4—Mr. and Mrs. Burton K. Murdock, son.
 Dec. 20—Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Holman, son.
 Dec. 29—Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Gile, daughter.

DEATHS

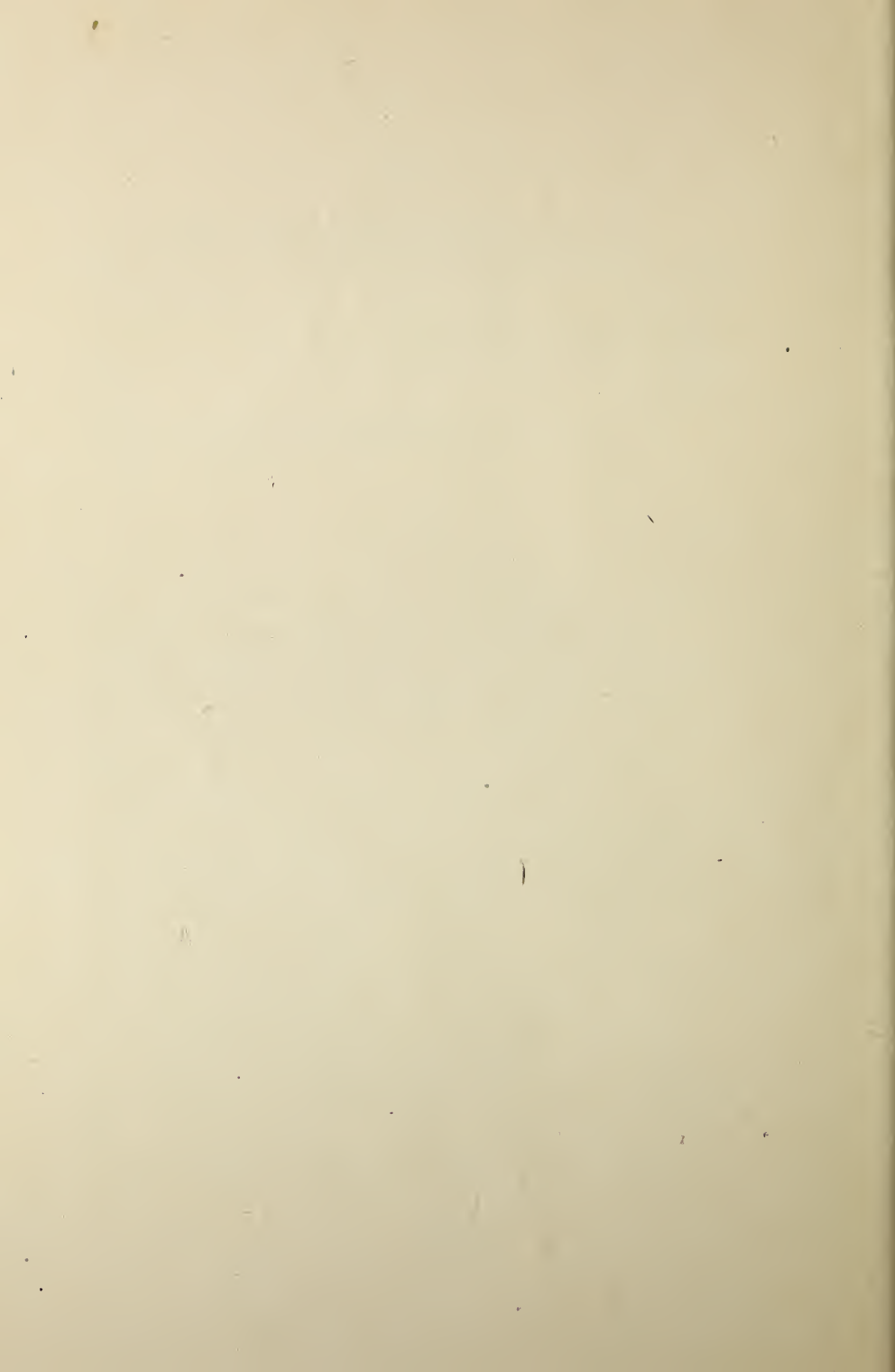
1918

Jan. 6—James P Johnston, age 71 yrs., 6 mos., 23 days.
 Mar. 28—Neil Cameron, age 26 yrs., 1 mo., 12 days.
 Apr. 3—George C. Gray, age 40 yrs., 10 mos., 27 days.
 Apr. 5—Lillian Mamie Ricker, age 19 yrs., 3 mos., 10 days.
 Apr. 5—John A. Tupper, age 53 yrs., 11 mos., 7 days.
 Apr. 16—Henrietta M. Davenport, age 34 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days.
 Apr. 19—Grace L. Howe, age 38 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days.
 Apr. 25—Harrison Brown, age 78 yrs.
 Apr. 24—Augusta R. Child, age 75 yrs., 11 mos., 10 days.
 May 10—Erville F. Libby, age 16 yrs., 4 mos., 3 days.
 May 24—Mary A. Taylor, age 73 yrs., 4 mos., 14 days.
 June 8—Alfreda V. Stanley, age 64 yrs., 2 mos., 1 day.
 Sept. 1—John N. Thompson, age 66 yrs., 5 mos., 15 days.
 Sept. 1—Charles B. Tucker, age 4 mos., 1 day.
 Sept. 14—Prince E. Colcord, age 65 yrs., 8 mos., 28 days.
 Oct. 6—Ethel M. Hawthorne, age 28 yrs., 11 mos., 25 days.
 Oct. 14—Agustine del Chiaro, age 40 years.
 Nov. 8—Ellen M. Allen, age 53 yrs., 8 mos., 3 days.
 Nov. 22—Sarah S. White, age 94 yrs., 7 mos., 15 days.
 Dec. 25—Carrie M. Wing, age 32 yrs., 4 mos., 17 days.
 Jan. 1, 1919—Nellie E. Marshall, age 43 yrs., 5 mos., 27 days.
 Jan. 11—William W. Abbott, age 83 yrs., 21 days.

DOGS LICENSED AFTER APRIL 1, 1919

Total number of dogs licensed by Clerk,	68
56 Males,	
2 Females	
10 Sp'd Females	
Killed or otherwise disposed of	
5 Males	
2 Females	

BURTON K. MURDOCK,
Town Clerk.



Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of Dixfield:

It is with pleasure that I present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

It was with reluctance that I accepted the position of Superintendent of Schools of this Union District, from the fact that it was in the middle of the school year, and that I had been out of touch with school affairs for some years. This necessitated a great deal of work on my part, which, however, has been cheerfully done, and with the aid and advice of your Committee, I think the standard of efficiency of your schools has been maintained.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Committee for the help they have been to me, and for the interest they have taken in all matters pertaining to the schools.

They have the welfare of your schools at heart and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

The supreme object of the child's education is the child himself. To fit the child, mentally and physically, so that he shall acceptably fill whatever station in life he may be called, is the aim we have in view. To this end every teacher is working. To this, also, every parent should work. Don't leave it all to the teacher. It is the duty of every parent to take an active interest in school affairs; to visit the school and get acquainted with the teachers and their methods; to talk over the various studies with their children and discover how their minds are developing, and to impress on them the two cardinal principles of school life, obedience and punctuality.

Parents should also realize that regular attendance on the part of their children is necessary to their steady progress.

Here is a saying of Horace Mann's that is a whole sermon in itself. "Lost, yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever." These words are worthy of a great deal of thought.

The lessons of Patriotism and Thrift have been impressed on the minds of the pupils and they have been enthusiastic in helping the Town exceed its quota in every drive to raise money for Government use. The scholars in the Central Building alone at present own in Liberty Bonds, War Certificates and Thrift Stamps the sum of \$4,035.00. They have also subscribed the United War Work Fund, as Victory Boys and Victory Girls, nearly \$200.00.

The rural school pupils have done their share in this war work, too, but at the present time I am unable to state the exact amount, as the figures are not all in yet.

SCHOOLS

HIGH SCHOOL

As was the case with a great many towns throughout the country, a woman was elected Principal of the High School here at Dixfield, and the school has been a success under the new regime. Miss Chapman is a broad minded, thoroughly capable woman, and is slowly bringing the school to a higher standard. Both Miss Chapman and her assistant, Miss Sturtevant, are conscientious, hard working teachers and deserve great credit for the good they are doing.

CENTRAL GRADES

The schools in all the grades are in a prosperous condition and the teachers are performing their duties in a very satisfactory manner. We were unfortunate this winter, in losing the services of Miss Bradeen, who had been giving the best of satisfaction in grades three and four. Mrs. Paine has been transferred to these grades and Miss Knowles, a teacher of ability and experience has been secured for grades five and six. This change has not interrupted the good progress of the schools. All the teachers are manifesting a great interest in their work and the pupils are showing the result in the progress they are making.

RURAL SCHOOLS

The teachers in the rural schools are all doing good work, and are well qualified for their positions. They are, without exception, striving their best for the good of their schools and are accomplishing results. The Paul school was discontinued at the end of the Spring term and one of the scholars

is attending the school at East Peru and the others are being transported to the Central school.

The Towle school was opened at the beginning of the Winter term, as new scholars came into that neighborhood and their transportation to any other school was not considered feasible. The Dunn, Towle and Severy Hill schools have not maintained an average attendance of eight for the last year and it will be necessary for the town at its annual meeting to vote to continue them, according to the committee's recommendation.

ATTENDANCE

The extreme cold weather of last winter and a large amount of sickness was the cause of the low average attendance of 78.5% for that term. The Spring term was much better as an average of 89% was maintained. The Fall term was broken up by the epidemic of influenza so that the average was only 82.9% making the average for the year 83.4%.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

A few repairs are necessary at the Central building this year. There is need of some tar and gravel on the roof; there must be some inside painting done, also there should be double windows provided for the laboratory. The rural school buildings, with the exception of the one on the Common are in fairly good condition. The Towle building needs painting badly but I would not advise its being done at this period of high prices. Otherwise, ordinary repairs are all that will be necessary. I find the sanitary conditions of all the rural schools are not what they should be. The construction of modern sanitary toilets connected with the main buildings is a necessity and is something that will soon be required by the State, I hope and believe. The building on the Common is cold, poorly lighted and ventilated, the sanitary conditions are bad and it is generally out of repair. It does not seem advisable to expend much money on repairs for such a building. The only remedy is a new schoolhouse, modern and up to date and it is needed at this time very badly. The people of that neighborhood express themselves as being willing and anxious to help in the construction of such a building and will bring their arguments before the town at the annual meeting.

You will notice in the warrant an article asking for a small appropriation for special repairs at the Severy Hill school. Perhaps this needs a word of explanation. We were fortunate enough to receive from the State Equalization Fund an apportionment of \$425; \$200 to be applied to the common school account and \$225 to be applied to permanent repairs for some school building. After considering the matter carefully it has been decided by the committee and by the State department of Education that this money could be used to the best advantage at the Severy Hill school by the installation of a modern heating and ventilating system and by the construction of a modern sanitary toilet. An appropriation by the town will be necessary in order to accomplish this without an overdraft.

In the rural schools there is need of a few maps and the black boards need refinishing or should be replaced by new ones. The schools are well supplied with text books, with the exception of geographies, spellers and some supplementary reading matter for the eighth grade.

In closing, I would say that the Town is fortunate in not having more overdrawn accounts, in view of the fact that everything pertaining to schools has risen in price during the year. Let us hope that we may be in as good condition financially when the next report is presented. It is, of course, impossible to say just what the expenses for the ensuing year will be, but I think that the estimates as prepared by the Committee are very conservative.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN,
Superintendent.

Report of High School Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my first annual report as Principal of the Dixfield High School.

The Fall term began September 3rd, with an enrollment the first week of forty-five, as several of the pupils were working on farms and in the corn shop. During the month of September by the return of some of these students the enrollment was increased to fifty-three. We were just beginning to get good results in our work when the Board of Health on account of the influenza epidemic closed the schools for four weeks in October.

The schools were re-opened October with an enrollment of fifty-seven pupils for the term, fourteen of these are tuition pupils. Another entered later.

Because of the prevalence of influenza and colds the attendance until Christmas was very irregular though the term average was 46.7.

The attendance this Winter term, which began December 30, has been good and the work in the classes on the whole has been fairly satisfactory. The fact that Miss Sturtevant, who has filled so acceptably the position of assistant for three years, was absent on account of illness eleven and a half days and her work was carried as far as could be by myself with Miss Sturtevant looking over papers at home and for a few days by an inexperienced teacher, a college girl, has been quite a drawback. With Miss Sturtevant's return things are regaining their normal condition.

The standard of scholarship in the High School is not what it should be, principally because of a lack of study outside of school. There is no pupil enrolled in the school who can prepare, to gain the best results, the lessons assigned each day with less than two hours' preparation every evening of the school week at home.

If the parents would insist that their children stay at home evenings and study, the increased interest in school and the raising of grades on the report cards would doubtless surprise many of these parents.

Growing boys and girls cannot attend parties, dances and other entertainments during the school week without its effecting seriously their lessons, for their minds are not on their studies and the loss of sleep lowers their mental and physical vitality.

We have recently revised the course of study in the high school both to meet the entrance requirements of the colleges and to conform to the courses of other standard high schools, as the State Inspector rates Dixfield in this class.

In order to graduate, each pupil must have sixteen credits; that is, must have passed on an average four full year subjects each school year during his four years' course.

There is good equipment for the Sciences—Physics, Chemistry and Botany. For the latter subject, a compound microscope and eight simple ones with mounted slides of various specimens and dissecting instruments have been purchased this year. This equipment with those for the other sciences have enabled us to do individual and demonstrative experiments also in General Science.

In all the studies nearly we are hampered by the lack of a library. If the town would vote an appropriation of \$50.00 for this purpose even for a few years we would soon have a good library to replace the one burned. A school library should contain the best standard fiction, biography, poetry, sets of histories, scientific works and other books of reference.

To supplement somewhat this lack of reference books, the School Board secured the use of a State traveling library of fifty volumes for six months. The teachers in the building have a similar pedagogical library.

We make use also of the town library; for in compliance with the outline of work in English issued by the State Department of Education, the pupils are reading and giving oral and written reports on eight books to be read during the school year.

As correct spelling seems a lost art, we have classes in written spelling each day, and occasionally an oral spelling match.

A good deal of emphasis is being laid upon Oral English, and for this the pupils have been subscribing for the *Literary Digest*, so there are fifteen copies in the school. Reports are given each week in class and at the morning assembly period on articles in this magazine. Debating and other literary work will be introduced whenever it is feasible.

A new acquisition is a good sized bulletin board on which are posted articles and objects of current interest.

Just at present, the annual prize speaking contest is a matter of great importance; fourteen pupils are entered for the preliminary contest. We are fortunate in having secured the assistance of Mrs. Sampson in training these pupils.

Each week, Mrs. Winnifred Staples Smith gives the school a lesson in vocal music at the expense of the School League. These lessons are greatly enjoyed by the students.

In general, the attitude of the pupils toward the school and faculty is good. They accept suggestions readily and respond generously to all appeals. They show their loyalty to their country by the surprisingly large amount of money they have invested in War Savings Stamps and Liberty Bonds and given through the Victory Boy and Girl organizations.

I wish to express my appreciation of the interest and support given me by you, Mr. Coburn, and by the members of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH KIMBALL CHAPMAN,

Principal.

Report of Superintending School Committee

DIXFIELD, MAINE, Feb. 10, 1919.

We submit herewith our report and recommendations for the ensuing year. The past year has been one of changes in the make-up of the school officials, the first one being caused by the sudden death of Geo. C. Gray, who had just been re-elected for a term of three years. His untimely death was a sad blow to the committee, as he had always taken a great interest in work of our schools, and was always on the lookout for measures that would improve our system in any way. We take this last opportunity to pay tribute to him, for his sterling worth and staunch integrity, as a member of our board and a citizen of Dixfield.

The members of the committee appointed Arthur N. Stowell to fill the vacancy until the next town-meeting, when it will be necessary for the town to elect to fill the place for the remaining two years. Mr. Stowell has shown marked interest in school affairs, and the old members of the committee feel that no mistake was made in his selection.

During the fall term we were reluctantly obliged to accept the resignation of Mr. Cooper as Superintendent for this union, as a business position was offered him which he felt would be for his advantage to accept. He is so well and favorably known that we feel that anything that we can say here is of but small worth. His work has always been marked by strong interest, unusual ability and strict loyalty to the best interests of the schools, and the town as a whole. He left the schools in excellent condition, and has done everything he could to help his successor in carrying on his work.

At a meeting of the joint board for this Union, Mr. Henry W. Coburn was elected for the remainder of the year, and entered on his duties at once. Mr. Coburn was under the handicap of having been out of active school work for some years, but he is making a strong effort to overcome this, has

shown much interest in his work, and we are well satisfied with his efforts. We believe that he will make an excellent Superintendent.

We hope that every parent in town will read carefully the reports of Mr. Coburn and Miss Chapman, and we endorse fully what they say, especially in regard to the hours for study as taken up by Miss Chapman. We feel that a majority of the parents do not take the active interest in the schools that they should, and if their children are not accomplishing what they should they are too ready to blame the school system and the teacher, without first investigating to see whether their child is making the most of what is offered him. Why this should be so, we cannot say, as it is the most important part of the life of their children, and they are paying out their own money to help pay the bills. That it is so is shown by the careless attendance, the fact that the majority of the scholars apparently make no home preparation for their lessons, and that very few parents ever visit school.

The Severy Hill and Towle schools have fallen below the average attendance required by law to maintain a school without a vote of the town. We recommend that schools be maintained in those districts during the next year. The same thing is true of attendance in the Dunn school, only a very few scholars attending there at present. We recommend that the town vote to run a school there if in the judgment of the committee it seems best. If it were not for the difficulty in transporting from this district, we should advise discontinuing this school, but it may be necessary on this account to make the best of a small school.

Before making up our recommendations for money for the ensuing year, we went over the situation very carefully, and it is our judgment that these sums are as small as can be made and do justice to the schools under present conditions. Wages, fuel, books, transportation, in fact, every item that enters into the expense of running a school, have constantly gone up. We believe this year will see the climax, but look for no appreciable lessening of costs for the coming year. In fact, many of the towns of this size were obliged to call special town-meetings during the year, and raise additional sums to defray the expenses for the last year. The fact that schools were closed for a period during the influenza epidemic makes our expenses show up better than they would have otherwise, and we were able to get through

on the high school account by the Selectmen consenting to transfer to cover the account, rather than call a special meeting. If comparison is made between the increase in the cost of running the schools, and that of running a private business, meeting the same conditions in regard to wages, fuel, etc., for the same period of time, we believe that the increases we ask for will not seem out of proportion.

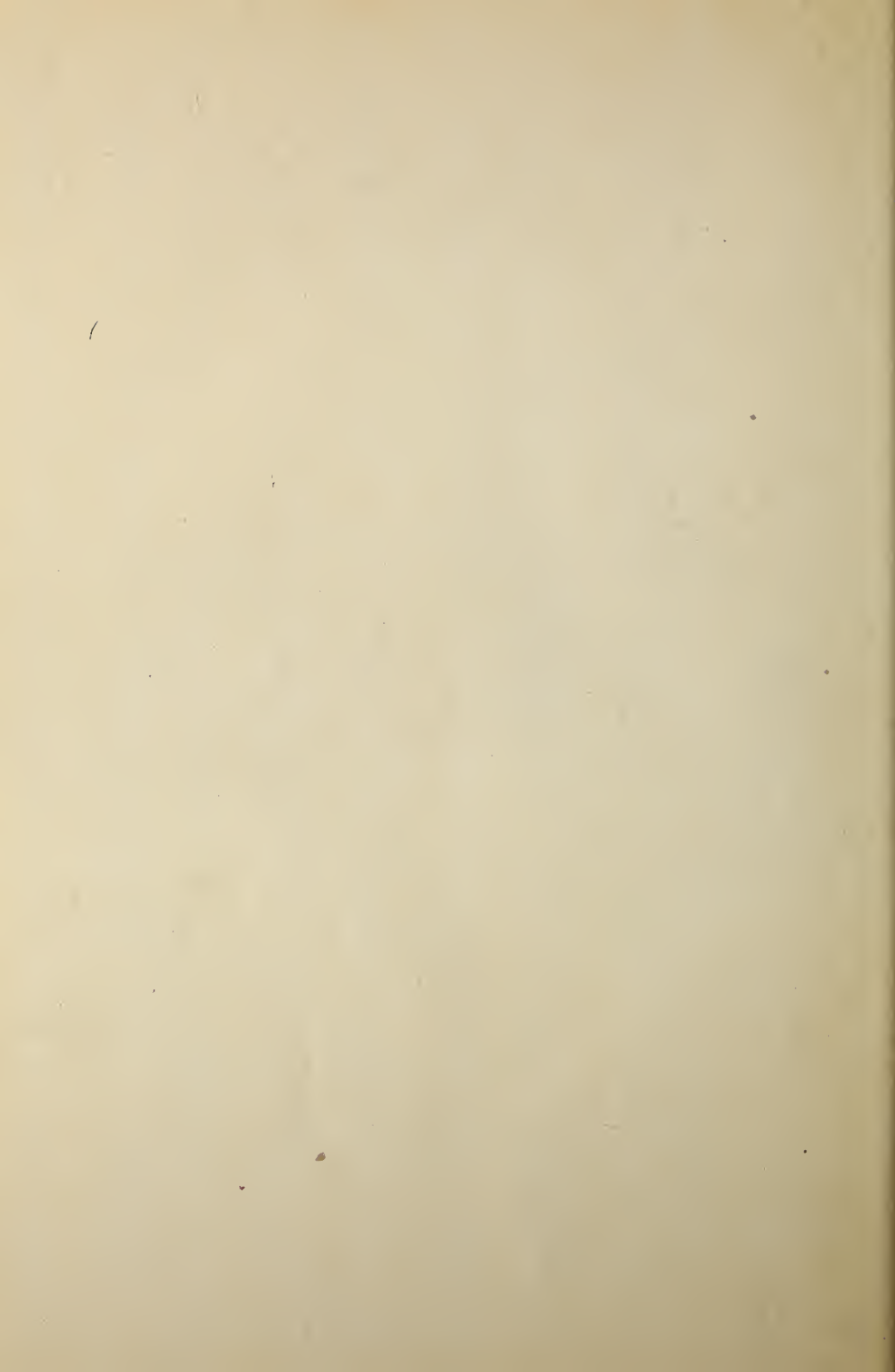
We recommend that the following sums be raised for the next school year.

Common Schools,	\$3,300.00
High School,	1,850.00
	(\$500 from State)
	(\$1350 from Town)
Books and supplies,	500.00
Repairs,	200.00
Special repairs,	
Severy Hill schoolhouse,	100.00
Insurance and lights,	275.00
Superintendent,	250.00
Incidental expenses,	100.00
School library,	100.00
Laboratory,	75.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. STETSON,
D. W. HARVEY,
A. N. STOWELL,
Committee.





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TOWN OFFICERS

CLERK

BURTON K. MURDOCK

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

WM. M. KIDDER

W. W. ROLLINS

K. K. BRACKETT

TREASURER

C. L. DILLINGHAM

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

D. W. HARVEY

A. N. STOWELL

E. L. STETSON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

HENRY W. COBURN

TAX COLLECTOR

J. P. EDMUNDS

HEALTH OFFICER

W. M. PEASE, M. D.

SEWER INSPECTOR

C. H. AMES

Warrant for Town Meeting

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE.

To JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS, *a Constable of the Town of Dixfield,*
in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dixfield, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1920, being the first day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 4. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To choose one or more members of School Board.
- ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending Feb. 14, 1920.
- ART. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts this year.

- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of common schools, to purchase books and supplies, to repair schoolhouses, permanent school fund, for incidental office expenses, for superintendent of schools, for laboratory, for insurance and lights, for school library, to pay outstanding time orders, to pay interest on outstanding orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, Sewer Inspector, to pay hydrant rental, public library, support of poor, to repair roads and bridges, to pay interest on cemetery funds, fire protection, observance of Memorial Day, miscellaneous town charges and defray all other town charges.
- ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will vote to raise for support of same.
- ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriation and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State aid, as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the running expenses of the Town until the taxes can be collected, or act in any way in relation thereto.

- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State aid roads.
- ART. 16. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise to build the street from Weld St. up by Henry Luce to High St.
- ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to accept the field on the plains on the road from Dixfield to Carthage now used as a baseball ground as deeded to the inhabitants of said town by John S. Harlow.
- ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$200.00 from the estate of the late Wm. E. Putnam, the interest to be used for the care of his lot in Greenwood Cemetery.
- ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Riverside Cemetery Association to charge a suitable price for lots in said Cemetery.
- ART. 20. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for the celebration of the Centennial of Maine.
- ART. 21. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise to pay for street lights at East Village.
- ART. 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Peru Ferry.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to have and elect a Budget Committee for the ensuing year, that shall consist of nine members and whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amounts of money that shall be necessary to vote to raise for the Town to properly carry on its business. Said Budget Committee's finding to be presented to the Town at the annual meeting for action thereon.
- ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn District.
- ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill District.

- ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Towle District.
- ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Paul District.
- ART. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of repairing the streets in Dixfield Village.
- ART. 29. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of repairing the Valley road.
- ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to make a revaluation of the wild land in Town, and see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to defray said expenses, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to expend the State aid road money, commencing at the Village Corporation limits, and extending down the River road, so-called, instead of using it on the road leading from Dixfield to Carthage.
- ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of \$100.00 to be expended on the road from East Village to S. G. Wheelwright's, providing the citizens give a like amount.
- ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$6,918.34 for the purpose of building State aid roads, \$2,665.00 to be raised by the town and \$4,253.34 paid by the State according to the provisions of the laws of the State of Maine made and provided.
- ART. 34. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield this 14th day of February, A. D. 1920.

WM. M. KIDDER,
W. W. ROLLINS,
K. K. BRACKETT,
Selectmen of Dixfield.

Report of Selectmen

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year ending Feb. 14, 1920.

Value of real estate, resident,	\$422,602.00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	61,925.00
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Total value real estate,	\$484,527.00
Value of personal estate, resident,	\$226,505.00
Value of personal estate, non-resident,	10,000.00
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Total personal estate,	\$236,505.00
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Total valuation,	\$724,650.00
Total value of land,	\$199,700.00
Total value of buildings,	284,827.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For common schools,	\$3,300.00
Free High School,	1,350.00
Books and supplies,	500.00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	200.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Special appropriation Severy Hill school,	100.00
Superintendence,	250.00
Insurance and lights,	275.00
Laboratory,	75.00
School library,	100.00
Office expenses,	100.00
Outstanding time orders due,	1,000.00
Interest on time orders,	500.00
Municipal officers,	950.00
Hydrant rental,	300.00
Public library,	300.00
Support of poor,	750.00
Roads and bridges,	5,000.00
Interest on Cemetery funds,	66.00
Miscellaneous town charges,	300.00

For State Aid road,	\$ 533.00
State Aid maintenance,	525.00
Street lights, East Village,	50.00
State tax,	5,334.23
County tax,	1,457.13
Overlay,	713.89
Riverside Cemetery fence,	800.00
Graveling streets, West Village,	75.00
Special appropriation, Valley road,	500.00
Total commitment,	<hr/> \$25,659.05
Supplementary tax, \$30.60.	
Number of polls, 348.	
Number of polls not taxed, 10.	
Rate of poll tax, \$3.00.	
Rate of property tax, .034.	
Amount of poll tax,	\$ 1,044.00
Amount of property tax,	24,615.05
	<hr/> \$25,659.05

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

Saleable Live Stock.	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value
Horses,	264	\$ 95.66	\$25,455.00
Colts 3 to 4 years old,	11	77.27	850.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	5	49.00	245.00
Cows,	473	46.46	21,980.00
Oxen,	8	106.25	850.00
Three-year olds,	116	35.00	4,060.00
Two-year olds,	161	26.36	4,245.00
Sheep over 35 in number,	15	7.00	105.00
Total amount,			<hr/> \$57,790.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value
One-year olds,	213	16.59	\$3,530.00
Sheep to 35 in number,	297	7.56	2,245.00
Swine to 10 in number,	134	17.35	2,325.00
Total amount,			<hr/> \$8,100.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank stock,	\$11,900.00
Trust Co. stock,	2,500.00

Bridge Co. stock,	\$18,500.00
Money at interest,	1,000.00
Stock in trade,	24,900.00
Small boats,	250.00
Logs and lumber,	29,765.00
Wood and bark,	38,000.00
Automobiles,	31,225.00
Musical instruments,	7,725.00
Finished products in mills,	3,750.00
Materials in stock,	6,000.00
Other property,	3,200.00

Total amount,	\$178,715.00
Amount live stock brought forward,	57,790.00
Total amount personal property,	\$236,505.00

COMMON SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$3,300.00
Unexpended, 1918,	869.81
Interest on school fund,	45.00
State, school and mill fund,	878.19
State, common school fund,	1,173.32
Tuition, Town of Mexico,	466.57

Available,	\$6,732.89
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EXPENDITURES

Teaching,	\$4,179.00
Fuel,	444.00
Janitor service,	501.34
Transportation,	681.30
Tuition, Town of Peru,	4.05
Tuition, Town of Wilton,	377.28
	\$6,186.97
Unexpended,	\$545.92

HIGH SCHOOL

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$1,350.00
Tuition, Town of Peru,	300.00
W. M. White,	42.00
O. A. Bisbee,	30.00
George Welch,	30.00

Tuition, Henry Harlow,	\$ 54.00	
Vivian Horne,	30.00	
State,	500.00	
Triangular Prize Speaking,	10.00	
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Available,		\$2,346.00

EXPENDITURES

Teaching,	\$1,905.00	
Janitor service,	211.41	
Fuel,	178.00	
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		\$2,294.90
Unexpended,		\$51.10
Due for tuition, fall and winter terms,		\$48.00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation,	\$500.00	
Sale of supplies, etc.,	267.54	
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	\$767.54	
Overdraft, 1918,	62.52	
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Available,		\$705.02
Expended,		703.33
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Unexpended,		\$1.69

REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$200.00	
Unexpended, 1918,	3.61	
Torrey school building,	270.00	
Damage by pupils,	2.25	
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Available,		\$475.86
Expended,		263.76
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Unexpended,		\$212.10

SPECIAL REPAIRS, SEVERY HILL

Appropriation,	\$100.00	
Unexpended, 1918,	225.00	
Sale of outbuilding,	5.00	
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Available,		\$330.00
Expended,		333.03
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Overdrawn,		\$ 3.03
Transferred from unappropriated funds account to balance,		3.03

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$250.00	
Unexpended, 1918,	6.28	
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Available,		\$256.28
Expended,		263.34
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Overdrawn,		\$7.06
Transferred from unappropriated funds account to balance,		7.06

INSURANCE AND LIGHTS

Appropriation,	\$275.00	
Unexpended, 1918,	11.07	
Unappropriated funds account,	.25	
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Available,		\$286.32
Expended, insurance,	\$251.54	
Expended, lights,	40.16	
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		291.70
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Overdrawn,		\$5.38

LABORATORY

Appropriation,	\$75.00	
Unexpended, 1918,	9.04	
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Available,		\$84.04
Expended,		96.90
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Overdrawn,		\$12.86

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$100.00	
Expended,	99.63	
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Unexpended,		\$.37

OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation,	\$100.00	
Expended,	77.97	
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Unexpended,		\$22.03

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

By balance old account,	\$.02	
Appropriation,	950.00	
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		\$950.02

ORDERS DRAWN

J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., Secretary Board of Health,	\$ 11.80	
Geo. W. Dockham, ballot clerk,	3.00	
Geo. W. Dockham, truant officer,	25.00	
P. M. Cooper, ballot clerk,	3.00	
Don A. Gates, ballot clerk,	3.00	
E. L. Stetson, school board,	10.00	
A. N. Stowell, school board,	10.00	
D. W. Harvey, school board,	10.00	
C. H. Ames, sewer inspector,	10.00	
J. P. Edmunds, constable,	15.00	
J. P. Edmunds, dog constable,	10.00	
C. L. Dillingham, treasurer,	75.00	
Wm. M. Kidder, selectman,	125.00	
W. W. Rollins, selectman,	60.00	
K. K. Brackett, selectman,	60.00	
J. P. Edmunds, collector,	513.79	
Unexpended balance,	5.43	
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		\$950.02

SEWER REPAIRS

By balance old account,	\$313.19	
Received from Susie I. Bailey, (entrance)	25.00	
Received from Mrs. F. H. Leavitt, (ent'nce)	25.00	

Received from Wm. T. Eustis, (entrance)	\$25.00	
Received from R. L. Butler, (entrance)	25.00	
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		\$413.19
Orders drawn,		125.19
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Unexpended balance,		\$288.00

SNOW FENCE AT MARBLE'S ICE POND

Balance from last year,	\$100.00
No orders drawn,	
Unexpended balance,	\$100.00

DRAINING ROAD NEAR DUNN CEMETERY

Balance from last year,	\$50.00
No orders drawn,	
Unexpended balance,	\$50.00

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation,	\$300.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid W. M. Pease, M. D., Trustee,	\$300.00

MEMORIAL DAY FUND

Deposited in Dixfield Branch, Rumford Falls Trust Co., June 30, 1917, the interest to be used for the benefit of the G. A. R.,	\$100.00
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MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

By balance old account,	\$257.60	
Appropriation,	300.00	
Transfer to Peru Ferry,	5.00	
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		\$562.60
Orders drawn,	145.98	
Unexpended balance,	416.62	
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		\$562.60

PENSION FOR DEPENDENT SOLDIERS

Received from State,	\$520.42
Orders drawn,	\$520.42

STREET LIGHTS, EAST VILLAGE

Appropriation,	\$50.00	
Transfer from unappropriated funds,	1.04	
	<hr/>	\$51.04
Orders drawn,		\$51.04

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST—\$1,650.00

EUSTIS FUND—\$500.00

Balance old account,	\$44.63	
Appropriation,	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$64.63
Orders drawn,		6.00
		<hr/>
Unexpended balance,		\$58.63

ROSANNA CUMMINGS FUND—\$50.00

Balance old account,	\$37.00	
Appropriation, one year's interest,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$39.00
Unexpended balance,		\$39.00

RIVERSIDE FUND—\$1,000.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$40.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$40.00

GLINES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$2.00

KNOWLES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$2.00

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Balance old account,	\$357.30
Received from	
F. F. Mattoon,	30.00
Alice Ames,	25.00
Susie Arsenault,	30.00
Geo. D. Bartlett,	30.00
Lyman Getchell,	8.50

Minnie Gilcreas,	\$ 25.00	
Est. James McAllister,	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$513.80
Orders drawn,		34.00
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Unexpended balance,		\$479.80
Due from Geo. W. Ricker,	\$30.00	

DUNN CEMETERY

Balance old account,		\$50.00
No orders,		
Unexpended balance,		\$50.00

SCIENCE HILL CEMETERY

Unexpended balance from last year,	\$20.00	
Transfer from unappropriated funds,	10.90	
	<hr/>	\$30.90
Orders drawn,		\$30.90

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FENCE

Appropriation,		\$800.00
Orders drawn,	\$514.31	
Unexpended balance,	285.69	
	<hr/>	\$800.00

MOTHERS' AID

Orders drawn,		\$98.00
Received from State,	\$49.00	
Transfer from unappropriated funds,	49.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 98.00

DIXFIELD AND PERU FERRY

Balance old account,	\$ 13.14	
Received from town of Peru,	227.89	
Trans. from unappropriated funds,	214.76	
	<hr/>	\$455.79
Trans. from miscellaneous town charges,	\$ 5.00	
Orders drawn,	450.79	
	<hr/>	\$455.79

DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

Balance old account,		\$84.50
No orders,		
Unexpended balance,		\$84.50

STATE PAUPERS

Orders drawn,	\$299.31	
Due from State, Jan. 1, 1919,	118.27	
	<hr/>	\$417.58
Received from State,		394.44
		<hr/>
Due from State, Feb. 1, 1920,		\$ 23.14

MRS. ADDIE M. LOVEJOY

Orders drawn,		\$302.00
Received of J. R. McPherson (rent),	\$132.00	
Received from Bert Howard,	118.00	
Transferred from Support of Poor,	52.00	
	<hr/>	\$302.00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation,	\$750.00	
Received from State, State pauper, 1918,	118.27	
	<hr/>	\$868.27
Support and burial Hiram Stone,	\$ 77.75	
Support and burial George Flagg,	134.05	
Support A. E. Blaisdell,	171.49	
Support Margie Hannaford,	177.68	
Town of New Gloucester, (McAllister)	7.50	
Transfer Addie M. Lovejoy account,	52.00	
Unexpended balance,	247.80	
	<hr/>	\$868.27

TIME ORDERS DUE

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
Paid Lerua E. White,	\$1,000.00

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS

Balance old account,	\$ 58.86	
Appropriation,	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$558.86
Orders drawn,	\$413.56	
Unexpended balance,	145.30	
	<hr/>	\$558.86

OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

Order No.		
530	Nov. 16, 1907, G. P. Torrey,	\$ 300.00
102	June 5, 1908, McGregor Brothers,	1,140.00
142	June 29, 1908, E. E. Brown,	1,000.00
		<hr/> \$2,440.00

Issued on account of temporary loans authorized at special town meeting March 15, 1909.

Order No.		
608	Apr. 1, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	\$500.00
609	Apr. 8, 1909, J. P. Johnston,	500.00
689	Apr. 8, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
695	May 20, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
		<hr/> \$1,400.00

Issued on account of schoolhouse addition.

Order No.		
772	July 27, 1914, J. P. Johnston,	\$500.00
909	Oct. 5, 1914, E. L. Torrey,	500.00
1211	Feb. 13, 1915, J. P. Johnston,	299.19
		<hr/> \$1,299.19

Issued on account of new schoolhouse.

Order No.		
1422	Sept. 1, 1915, E. L. Torrey,	\$1,000.00
1423	Aug. 31, 1916, G. P. Torrey,	450.00
1468	Oct. 1, 1915, Verdurina Ludden,	500.00
341	Jan. 13, 1917, J. P. Johnston,	1,500.00
343	Jan. 13, 1917, Verdurina Ludden,	1,500.00
		<hr/> \$4,950.00

Total outstanding loans,	<hr/> \$10,089.19
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STATE AID ROAD

Appropriation,	\$533.00
Received from State,	570.80
	<hr/> \$1,103.80
Orders drawn,	\$1,101.85
Transfer from Summer work,	1.95
	<hr/> \$1,103.80
Joint fund for State Aid road,	\$1,241.89
Expended,	\$1,108.62
Balance held by State,	133.27
	<hr/> \$1,241.89

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Appropriation,	\$525.00	
Received from State,	256.43	
	<hr/>	\$781.43
Orders drawn for surfacing,	\$779.63	
By balance,	1.80	
	<hr/>	\$781.43
Cost of patrol, Joint fund,		\$1,079.20
State paid,	\$1,003.97	
By balance held by State,	75.23	
	<hr/>	\$1,079.20

ESTATE OF LEE F. DRESSER

Orders drawn,	\$85.25	
Received from Wm. M. Kidder, Adm.,		\$85.25

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation,	\$5,000.00	
Town of Mexico,	13.95	
State Treasurer, 50-50,	50.00	
Transfer from State Aid road,	1.95	
	<hr/>	\$5,065.90

ORDERS DRAWN (Summer Work)

John S. Harlow,	\$ 8.19
Good Roads Machinery Co.,	12.90
C. M. Lane,	21.00
Wm. M. Kidder,	2.75
Myron Holman,	28.00
L. W. Taylor,	.60
Ray Savage,	24.00
Good Roads Machinery Co.,	3.35
Jason S. Adams,	87.50
C. M. Lane,	35.00
John Steele,	35.00
Jules Bordeaux,	3.50
Arthur Frost,	3.50
Elwin Woodsum,	3.50
C. J. Judkins,	3.50
Frank Whittemore,	3.25
Geo. Carlton,	45.50
Carroll E. Carlton,	21.00
Jason S. Adams,	56.00

John Steele,	\$ 10.50
Dixfield & Peru Bridge Co.,	28.87
A. W. Judkins,	15.16
Hiram Howard,	17.50
Roy Hall,	14.00
Wm. M. Kidder,	10.46
W. C. Hall,	17.50
B. T. Berry,	17.50
A. L. Holman,	39.00
H. E. Coolidge,	75.00
Arthur Legere,	18.48
C. M. Lane,	7.00
Herbert Hannaford,	21.00
Joseph Hannaford,	10.36
Walter True,	28.00
John E. Holman,	7.00
D. C. Coolidge,	86.50
R. E. Easter,	21.50
Walter True,	36.75
Myron Holman,	77.00
Frank Holman,	27.00
Geo. Carlton,	24.90
Lamont Philbrick,	22.37
R. E. Easter,	3.50
A. L. Douglass,	38.00
Frank Marshall,	42.00
W. W. Rollins,	195.75
Everett G. Packard,	87.50
A. G. Rich,	71.25
Clyde S. Wright,	34.08
John S. Harlow,	208.08
Walter True,	15.75
W. F. Drown,	33.00
A. L. Carlton,	18.87
Jason S. Adams,	63.00
Abel Farrington,	7.00
W. W. Rollins,	85.25
Norman Hutchinson,	3.50
Chas. Eustis,	40.55
J. O. Jordan,	3.60
James Wing,	17.50
Milton Lane,	10.50
Wm. M. Kidder,	6.87
L. G. Blanchard,	11.50

A. G. Hathaway,	\$ 43.86
C. M. Lane,	126.00
K. K. Brackett,	154.02
Jason S. Adams,	84.00
S. L. Philbrick,	37.74
James Wing,	7.00
C. M. Lane,	21.00
Milton Lane,	3.50
E. G. Porter,	121.41
E. G. Porter,	78.75
L. O. Johnson,	3.50
S. D. Rand,	15.00
John S. Harlow,	19.28
Susie Holman,	20.25
John Tucker,	10.00
Jason S. Adams,	28.00
J. W. Adams,	75.96
Jason S. Adams,	42.00
A. L. Holman,	97.89
A. L. Carlton,	46.89
D. C. Coolidge,	25.00
Erwin D. Fuller,	36.00
K. K. Brackett,	300.00
W. F. Drown,	7.50
Arthur C. Weld,	10.50
W. W. Rollins,	87.50
Clyde S. Wright,	3.00
W. E. Wright,	3.00
C. A. Newton,	3.00
Douglass Bros.,	9.00
Leon Smith,	6.00
Jason S. Adams,	49.00
M. L. Walton,	7.00
Myron Holman,	40.25
E. G. Porter,	28.00
Norman Hutchinson,	3.50
Lester S. Libby,	6.72
Guy Webster,	3.00
A. R. Coolidge,	11.32
C. H. Towle,	69.05
C. H. Towle,	3.65
A. G. Hathaway,	6.00
Geo. Carlton,	3.50
E. L. Torrey,	2.50

G. P. Torrey,	\$ 5.85
John Putnam,	10.50
Transfer to Graveling Streets,	331.96
Transfer from Winter work,	335.01
By balance,	594.10
	<hr/> \$5,065.90

WINTER WORK

S. D. Rand,	\$ 13.10
J. S. Adams,	6.00
E. G. Porter,	2.33
Carl Weld,	1.00
Arthur Weld,	1.50
Frank Weld,	1.00
Carroll H. Gile,	7.42
A. Whitman,	8.00
W. H. Smith,	11.60
A. G. Hathaway,	24.60
G. P. Torrey,	3.65
Myron Holman,	7.00
W. W. Rollins,	14.65
W. M. Andrews,	8.98
H. E. Coolidge,	10.00
A. L. Holman,	4.00
A. G. Hathaway,	5.00
W. W. Child,	5.00
C. C. Smith,	8.00
G. E. Goding,	13.24
B. D. Coolidge,	8.80
Harlan Child,	7.80
C. M. Lane,	22.68
Milford Reed,	3.50
L. O. Johnson,	22.68
L. N. Masterman,	3.50
K. K. Brackett,	16.00
J. G. Hutchinson,	18.41
Paul Parillo,	14.00
M. L. Walton,	17.61
Joseph Hannaford,	8.17
Herbert Hannaford,	4.29
W. J. Chandler,	7.25
Ilus Chandler,	10.25
John Putnam,	14.00
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	\$335.01
Due for winter work, estimated,	\$300.00

GRAVELING STREETS

Balance old account,	\$ 13.00	
Appropriation,	75.00	
Transfer from Roads and bridges,	331.96	
	<hr/>	\$419.96
Orders drawn,		\$419.96

ABATEMENTS

Wm. Arsenauld, gone,	\$ 3.00	
A. E. Blaisdell, poor,	6.80	
Geo. E. Carlton, error,	10.20	
Donald Chamberlain, not of age,	3.00	
Clinton Collins, paid in Weld,	3.00	
Frank Dill, not of age,	3.00	
Prosper Gallant, gone,	1.70	
S. V. Harlow, paid in Jay,	4.70	
Bennett Holman, soldier,	3.00	
Geo. Hiscock, error,	13.60	
Clifton Judkins, paid in Carthage,	3.00	
Clair Johnson, not of age,	3.00	
Harry Luce, overvaluation,	3.40	
Matt Morse, sick,	6.40	
Elgin Rafuse, gone,	3.00	
Geo. P. Stowell, soldier,	3.00	
Wm. W. Wait, paid in Portland,	3.00	
Addie M. Lovejoy, poor,	27.20	
A. W. & D. C. Coolidge, error,	8.50	
Allie Pillsbury, dead,	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$115.50

NEW SCHOOLHOUSE ON THE COMMON

Cost of schoolhouse,		\$3,159.14
Rec'd for cement bags,	\$ 7.74	
Rec'd for cement plastering,	16.50	
Rec'd for shingles,	1.25	
Rec'd of C. N. Blanchard (Blake lots),	1,528.50	
Transfer from unappropriated funds,	1,605.15	
	<hr/>	\$3,159.14
17 bags King's Winsor cement on hand,	\$25.50	
Due from heirs of Hiram Holman,	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$40.50

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TOWLE HILL

By balance old account,	\$5.02
No orders.	

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION VALLEY ROAD

Appropriation,	\$500.00
Received from State,	988.18
	<hr/> \$1,488.18
The Berger Mfg. Co.,	\$ 54.08
Elliott Brown,	70.87
Joe Holman,	17.49
Pearl Abbott,	13.12
Frank Barrett,	32.37
D. Libby,	40.24
Gerald Hutchinson,	22.75
Philip Hutchinson,	58.62
Hazen Cochran,	52.50
Geo. Stevens,	35.00
Ray Savage,	32.38
E. R. Berry,	56.00
V. Morrison,	24.50
F. W. Morrison,	2.00
Harry Rand,	452.00
Merton Holman,	39.37
	<hr/> \$1,003.29
Unexpended balance,	<hr/> \$484.89

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

By balance old account,	\$789.70
Rec'd of C. N. Blanchard (acct. Geo. Blake),	267.99
Mrs. Willis Tainter, license,	1.00
Ralph L. Butler, license,	1.00
M. McIntire, license,	1.00
C. A. Wilson, license,	1.00
Frank Stanley, license,	10.00
S. V. Harlow, license,	2.00
E. E. Bubier, license,	2.00
Elisha Berry, license,	10.00
W. E. Putnam Estate,	200.00
State Treasurer, dog license refund,	8.04
State Treasurer, R. R. and tel. tax,	25.63
Overlay,	713.89
	<hr/> \$2,033.25

To transfer, East Village street lights,	\$	1.04	
Mothers' Aid,		49.00	
Peru Ferry,		214.76	
Insurance and lights,		.25	
Superintendence,		7.06	
Science Hill Cemetery,		10.90	
Spec. Appro. Severy Hill schoolhouse,		3.03	
Interest on temporary loan,		22.60	
Schoolhouse on the Common,		1,605.15	
Paid J. P. Edmunds, abatements,		115.50	
By balance,		3.73	
			<hr/> \$2,033.25

BALANCE SHEET

	Balance.	Overdrawn
Common schools,	\$ 545.92	
Free High School,	51.10	
Books and supplies,	1.69	
Repairs of schoolhouses,	212.10	
Insurance and lights,		\$ 5.38
Laboratory,		12.86
School library,	.37	
Incidental office expenses,	22.03	
Municipal offices,	5.43	
Sewer repairs,	288.00	
Snow fence Marbles Ice Pond,	100.00	
Draining road near Dunn Cemetery,	50.00	
Miscellaneous town charges,	416.62	
Eustis fund,	58.63	
Cummings fund,	39.00	
Greenwood Cemetery,	479.80	
Dunn Cemetery,	50.00	
Riverside Cemetery fence,	285.69	
Dixfield Fire Co.,	84.50	
Support of poor,	247.80	
Interest on time orders,	145.30	
State aid maintenance,	1.80	
Roads and bridges,	594.10	
Special appro. Towle Hill,	5.02	
Special appro. Valley Road,	484.89	

Unappropriated funds,	\$ 3.73	
Due from State, acct. State pauper,		\$23.14
	<u>\$4,173.52</u>	<u>\$41.38</u>
	41.38	
Balance cash in treasury,	<u>\$4,132.14</u>	

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

LIABILITIES

Outstanding loans,	\$10,089.19	
Cemetery funds held in trust,	1,650.00	
Insurance and lights (overdrawn),	5.38	
School library (overdrawn),	12.86	
Estate of W. E. Putnam,	200.00	
Due town of Wilton, tuition,	375.00	
	<u>—————</u>	<u>\$12,332.43</u>

RESOURCES

Due from State (State pauper),	\$ 23.14	
Bert Howard (Lovejoy acct.),	20.00	
J. R. McPherson (Lovejoy acct.),	11.00	
Geo. W. Ricker (Cemetery lot),	30.00	
Heirs of Hiram Holman (cement),	15.00	
17 bags of cement plastering,	25.50	
Cash in treasury Feb. 14, 1920,	4,134.14	
	<u>—————</u>	<u>\$4,258.78</u>
Net amount of liabilities,		<u>\$8,073.65</u>

Respectively submitted,

WM. M. KIDDER,
W. W. ROLLINS,
K. K. BRACKETT,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

Treasurer's Report

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Feb.	12.	To cash balance from 1918 account,	\$2,955.11
		To cash from	
		State Treasurer, support of poor,	95.13
	25.	C. N. Blanchard, acct. Geo. Blake,	267.99
Mar.	7.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	12.00
	21.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	13.50
	28.	State Treasurer, State aid pensions,	301.14
Apr.	14.	F. F. Mattoon, cemetery lot,	30.00
	14.	Alice Ames, cemetery lot,	25.00
	18.	Town of Peru, High School tuition,	100.00
	24.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	14.50
	30.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	67.28
	30.	Josephine S. Drew, State aid pension,	2.00
May	2.	R. L. Butler, Fourth of July license,	1.00
	2.	Mrs. Willis Tainter, hotel license,	1.00
	2.	M. McIntire, hotel license,	1.00
	2.	C. A. Wilson, victualer's license,	1.00
	8.	Susie Arsnault, cemetery lot,	30.00
	19.	Proceeds Chisholm Speaking Contest,	10.00
	19.	W. M. White, High School tuition,	20.00
June	17.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	20.00
	21.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	7.55
	27.	State Treasurer, Mothers' Aid,	14.00
July	11.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	6.00
	14.	W. M. White, High School tuition,	10.00
	16.	Est. Wm. E. Putnam, cemetery fund,	200.00
	17.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1,000.00
	18.	Frank Stanley, motion picture license,	10.00
	28.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	6.00
	28.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	50.00
Aug.	7.	Mrs. F. H. Leavitt, entering sewer,	25.00
	14.	William T. Eustis, entering sewer,	25.00
	15.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	75.98
	15.	State Treasurer, public library,	30.00

Aug.	15.	State Treasurer, Mothers' Aid,	\$ 21.00
	15.	State Treasurer, dependent families soldiers and sailors,	217.28
	18.	S. V. Harlow, auctioneer's license,	2.00
	21.	Geo. D. Bartlett, cemetery lot,	30.00
	22.	Town of Peru, High School tuition,	80.00
Sept.	18.	O. A. Bisbee, High School tuition,	30.00
	12.	Town of Mexico, road account,	13.95
Oct.	7.	B. K. Murdock, dog license, 1919,	85.00
	13.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	34.25
	14.	Elisha Berry, billiard license,	10.00
	25.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	6.00
Nov.	4.	E. E. Bubier, auctioneer's license,	2.00
	14.	Susie I. Bailey, entering sewer,	25.00
	14.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	63.70
	17.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	20.26
	27.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	256.43
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, dog license refund,	8.04
	1.	State Treasurer, school mill fund,	878.19
	1.	State Treas., common school fund,	1,173.32
	1.	State Treasurer, R. R. & Tel. tax,	25.63
	2.	Lyman Getchell, cemetery lot, No. 184,	8.50
	2.	Elmer E. Brown, cement sold,	1.50
	5.	Winslow & Co., cement bags,	3.04
	8.	John A. Babb, schoolhouse sold,	270.00
	8.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	25.00
	12.	State Treasurer, Free High Schools,	500.00
	12.	State Treasurer, Mothers' Aid,	14.00
	13.	Minnie Gilcrease, cemetery lot, No. 187,	25.00
	26.	Amasa Harlow, High School tuition,	20.00
	26.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	32.00
	27.	V. C. Horne, High School tuition,	20.00
	27.	W. M. Kidder, estate Lee Dresser,	85.25
1920			
Jan.	1.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	988.18
	1.	State Treasurer, improvement State roads,	570.80
	7.	James H. Kerr, cement bags,	4.70
	10.	J. S. Harlow, cement sold,	3.00
	14.	Fred Weld, cement sold,	4.50
	17.	Town of Peru, ferry account,	227.89
	17.	Town of Peru, High School tuition,	120.00
	17.	Town of Peru, books and supplies,	33.51

Jan.	17.	V. C. Horne, High School tuition, \$	10.00
	17.	W. M. White, High School tuition,	12.00
	17.	Amasa Harlow, High School tuition,	10.00
	17.	Town of Weld, books and supplies,	16.17
	19.	Cyrus N. Blanchard, account of estate of Geo. M. Blake,	1,528.50
	19.	G. M. Welch, High School tuition,	30.00
	19.	W. M. Kidder, support of poor,	15.00
	23.	Henry Harlow, High School tuition,	24.00
	24.	Town of Mexico, common schools,	466.57
	24.	R. E. McAllister, cement sold,	7.50
	24.	R. L. Butler, entering sewer,	25.00
	24.	W. S. Holman, cement sold,	1.25
	24.	State Treas., State pension account,	12.00
	24.	State Treas., State pauper account,	87.35
	24.	W. M. Kidder, est. J. M. McAllister,	8.00
	24.	H. W. Coburn, special repairs Sev- ery Hill,	5.00
	24.	H. W. Coburn, repairs schoolhouse,	2.25
	24.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	38.80
	24.	H. C. Howard, acct. Addie Lovejoy,	118.00
	24.	John McPherson, account Addie Lovejoy,	132.00
	24.	Tax commitment, 1919, J. P. Edmunds,	25,659.05
	24.	Supplementary tax,	30.60
Total debits,			<hr/> \$39,610.14

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By paid

May	21.	Julia E. Strout, State pension, \$	6.00
July	7.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	6.00
Aug.	16.	Public Library, amount from State,	30.00
Oct.	8.	State Treasurer, dog licenses,	85.00
	9.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	6.00
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, State tax, 1919,	5,334.23
	10.	County Treasurer, county tax,	1,457.13
1920			
Jan.	12.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	12.00

Feb. 11.	Orders cancelled,	\$28,541.64
11.	Cash in treasury,	4,132.14
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	Total credits,	\$39,610.14
	(Signed)	C. L. DILLINGHAM,
		<i>Treasurer.</i>

Town Clerk's Report

VITAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO RETURNS MADE TO THIS OFFICE TO FEB. 10, 1920.

MARRIAGES

1919

- Feb. 15—Shelton C. Dymont and Inez M. Hodge.
May 3—Floyd S. Holt and Verna Ethel McIntyre.
May 29—Collet E. Britton and Shirley K. Dyer.
June 4—Chester Briggs Magoon and Grace Howard.
June 7—Frances A. Fenney and Annie M. Mullen.
June 28—Bernard L. Estes and Grace G. Stanley.
July 2—John A. Stevenson and Manilla D. Towle.
July 3—George E. Priest and Myrtle Etta Smith.
July 16—Stephen A. Wing and Mildred M. Hill.
July 30—Oscar E. Bredenberg and Blandine Sturtevant.
Aug. 9—Floyd P. Macomber and Bernice G. Frost.
Aug. 17—Charles M. G. Delano and Lyva Ernestine Theall.
Aug. 21—Raymond A. Brown and Mary A. Mitchell.
Aug. 26—Peter A. Chippindale and Emma Louise Clough.
Nov. 5—Isaac R. Easter and Marion R. Noyes.
Nov. 7—John F. Clemens and Ethel M. Vining.
Nov. 17—Merle M. Hodge and Eva M. Stowell.

1920

- Jan. 12—Merle B. Knox and Gladys M. Babb.
Jan. 31—Albert W. Andrews and Fanny J. Magoon.
Feb. 2—Chester Guy Webster and Zelma Burnham.

BIRTHS

1919

- Feb. 9—Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, son.
Feb. 24—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Rand, daughter.
Mar. 19—Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brown, daughter.
Mar. 25—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Holman, daughter.
Apr. 7—Mr. and Mrs. Conie A. Masterman, daughter.

Apr. 16—Mr. and Mrs. John L. Arsnault, daughter.
 Apr. 20—Mr. and Mrs. John E. Tucker, son.
 Apr. 25—Mr. and Mrs. Urban A. Blaisdell, son.
 May 15—Mr. and Mrs. Ellery G. Porter, daughter.
 June 10—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Whittemore, daughter.
 June 19—Mr. and Mrs. Ellen M. Webster, daughter.
 July 27—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright, daughter.
 Aug. 16—Mr. and Mrs. William Howard, son.
 Aug. 21—Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Willoughby, daughter.
 Sept. 9—Mr. and Mrs. Delbert C. Coolidge, daughter.
 Sept. 10—Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Coolidge, daughter.
 Sept. 16—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Darling, son.
 Oct. 5—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Butler, son.
 Oct. 13—Mr. and Mrs. Hiram C. Howard, daughter.
 Oct. 25—Mr. and Mrs. Elliott M. Brown, son.
 Nov. 8—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Welch, daughter.
 Nov. 24—Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Drown, son.
 Nov. 30—Mr. and Mrs. George E. Carlton, son.
 Dec. 5—Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Bickford, son.

1920

Feb. 5—Mr. and Mrs. John T. Clemens, daughter.

DEATHS

1919

Feb. 2—Mary B. Cook, age, 88 yrs. 4 mos. 30 days.
 Mar. 15—Maria N. Ricker, age, 82 yrs. 11 mos. 5 days.
 Mar. 16—Elaine Rand, age, 22 days.
 Mar. 30—Jane C. Waite, age, 88 yrs. 6 mos. 27 days.
 May 1—Lydia P. Tucker, age, 76 yrs. 9 mos. 1 day.
 May 6—Marinda B. Merritt, age, 69 yrs. 5 mos. 15 days.
 (Weymouth, Mass.).
 May 10—Hattie C. Kilgore, age, 76 yrs. 1 mo. 29 days.
 May 12—Leslie R. Weed, age, 5 yrs. 22 days.
 June 3—George F. Teague, age, not known.
 July 7—Isabelle A. Ricker, age, 46 yrs. 19 days.
 July 8—Lizzie T. Berry, age, 71 yrs. 6 mos. 20 days.
 July 25—Charles D. Teague, age, 69 yrs. 8 mos. 24 days.
 July 28—Hannah C. Davis, age, 60 yrs. 2 mos. 28 days.
 Sept. 9—Mary E. Randall, age, 64 yrs. 1 mo. 8 days.
 (Livermore Falls).
 Nov. 8—Frank H. Gilcrease, age, 49 yrs. 10 mos. 8 days.
 Nov. 20—Cora E. Crockett, age, 54 yrs. 7 mos. 1 day.

Dec. 22—John H. Toothaker, age, 78 yrs. 6 mos. 14 days.
(Auburn, Me.).

Dec. 22—Abbie L. York, age, 79 yrs. 5 mos. 29 days.
(Canton, Me.).

1920

Jan. 3—James McAllister, about 62 yrs.

Jan. 11—Mary Bradley Lynch, age, 91 yrs. 10 days.

Jan. 24—Nellie R. Hutchinson, age, 58 yrs. 1 mo. 8 days.

Jan. 30—George Flagg, age, 50 yrs.

DOGS LICENSED AFTER APR. 1, 1919.

48 males

5 females

12 spaded females

Killed or otherwise disposed of

1 male

1 spaded female

Total number licensed by clerk, 65.

BURTON K. MURDOCK,

Town Clerk.

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Dixfield:

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

There have been many changes in the teaching staff since the last annual report was given. Miss Blandine Sturtevant, who has been assistant in the High School for over two years, resigned last winter. Her place was very acceptably filled by Miss Grace Tripp for the remainder of the school year.

When schools reopened after the summer vacation only two teachers were occupying their old positions. The new teachers, however, entered into their work with enthusiasm, and from the very first the school machinery has moved smoothly and your schools have maintained their high standard of excellence.

I realize that parents, as a rule, do not appreciate their responsibility in their children's education. Too many of them do not even know what studies their boy or girl is taking. If parents would only take more active interest in their children's school work; if they would visit the school, observe the teachers' methods and discuss with her school problems and school life, then would they the better realize how much their child is improving both in mind and body.

The object in educating our young people is to prepare them for the duties and privileges of citizenship. To do this in the best and most efficient way is the problem of school officials, and they feel that this problem may best be solved by a more active co-operation on the part of the parent and the teacher.

HIGH SCHOOL

It is a pleasure to be able to report a steadily improving condition in the High School. The attendance is much better, and the students are evincing more interest in their studies than last year. Miss Chapman's work is daily proving the wisdom in retaining her services as Principal for a second year. She is a thoroughly capable teacher, and, I

think, has brought the school to a higher standard of efficiency than it has ever enjoyed. Miss Chapman is fortunate in having a very able assistant in Miss Pennell, who is a teacher of ability and is much interested in her work.

The money raised for a library has been judiciously expended and the books purchased have proved to be of great help to the students.

The school has withdrawn from the Chisholm Prize Speaking Contest and has entered into a Debating League with the schools at Canton and Buckfield. I think that this is a wise step, for the students will derive much more benefit from this form of literary work. The training received in preparing and delivering a debate is bound to prove invaluable to them in future life.

In the High School, as well as in the upper grades, a great deal of knowledge is being acquired of Town and State history and government. This is proving interesting to the pupils and is of great value, as, to my mind, our young people do not know enough about local and State affairs.

CENTRAL GRADES

I am much pleased with the manner in which the grade teachers are performing their work. Each has had the advantage of a Normal Course, and the results being accomplished show the benefit of this training. These teachers are working together harmoniously for the good of the children and the school, and the inevitable result can be nothing but progress.

More attention is being paid to the study of English Grammar than heretofore. I have noticed that classes entering High School are not as well prepared in Grammar as they should be in order to take a foreign language understandingly. More work, therefore, is being required in the grades on this subject.

RURAL SCHOOLS

We all understand that our rural school is our greatest problem from the fact that a salary large enough to attract a teacher of training and experience is not offered, and the buildings and equipment are not as good as they are in the villages. Our rural teachers are doing well. Two of them, Miss Robbins, at the Towle, and Miss La-

Course at Severy Hill, are inexperienced teachers, but are both making good.

Mrs. Weld, at the Common, is an experienced teacher and is keeping this school up to standard.

It was found necessary to open a school at the Paul this winter, as a family with six pupils moved into that neighborhood. Although this is a small school the teacher, Miss Woodsum, makes it an interesting one. It is much better to run a school here than to try to transport the scholars to the Central school, especially in the winter months.

The Dunn school was discontinued at the end of the spring term and the pupils are being conveyed to the school at Canton Point at present.

The Severy Hill, Towle and Paul schools have not maintained an average attendance of 8 for the past year and it will be necessary for the town at its annual meeting to continue them according to the committee's recommendation.

ATTENDANCE

Considerable sickness last winter caused a very low average attendance for that term, it being only 77%. The spring and fall terms were better attended, the averages being 86% and 87% respectively, making the average for the year 83.3%.

There were in town on the 1st day of April last, 306 people between the ages of 5 and 21. Of this number about 200 are attending some school.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

During the year a fine new school building has been erected at the Common. This is practically a model school-house, and is a credit to the town and a blessing to that community. It is to be regretted that the connected woodshed and toilet could not have been built higher so that more wood room could be had and a more suitable roof placed over the walks. This can be remedied later, however.

A sanitary toilet has been added to the Severy Hill school building, and a heating and ventilating system installed. This heater has not proved to be a success. It is evident that we should have purchased one a size larger, and I think that the change can be made without very much expense and I would recommend that it be done.

There are a great many repairs that should be made this year. The Towle building needs shingling and some new steps made. The Paul building needs shingling on one side. The central building should be painted, three new radiators are needed badly, one in the lower hall and two in the 5th and 6th grade room. Also I would recommend that heavy wire screening be placed over the basement windows in order to prevent so much broken glass.

It will be necessary to purchase three new flags this year, one each at the Paul, Towle and Common, and a small appropriation is recommended for that purpose.

During the year the fourth grade has been supplied with new English books and Geographies, and the 5th and 6th grades with new Geographies. The 8th grade has been supplied with new Civil Government text-books. I would recommend the purchase of new English books for the 5th and 7th grades and enough copies of "Maine, My State," for the 8th grade. Other than these only ordinary replacements will be necessary.

Taking into consideration the unsettled condition of the times and the high cost of living, I think you are very fortunate in having so few overdrawn accounts. That our school expenses are bound to be more is very evident. Your committee has prepared a very careful estimate for the ensuing year and one which, I hope, will meet with your approval.

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers and the School Committee for their assistance and co-operation in the administration of school affairs. We are all working for one object, the education of our boys and girls, the most vital thing in all the world.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN, *Supt.*

Report of Principal of High School

To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you my second annual report as Principal of the Dixfield High School.

This year, school did not begin until the second Monday in September—the 8th.

Nearly all the pupils in school at the end of last year were back. In the senior class, one pupil was missing, her parents having moved to another town. Of the juniors, all except one returned. During the first month a new pupil enrolled in the class, thus making the number good. Five of the sophomores failed to return; three of these are attending school elsewhere. The total enrollment for the year has been 56; of these 55 are in attendance at the present time.

From the records, I have learned that in the past, the pupils have dropped out constantly, so their remaining in school this year is one of the encouraging things.

While there are but four pupils in the senior class, the other three classes have seventeen or eighteen members each.

The hundred dollars given by the town for the library has been a great help to the school. We purchased the books most needed—the complete works of several of the best poets, one novel, at least, of the standard authors, biographies of famous men and women, histories, works on pedagogy and reference books. It has been surprising to see how far the money has gone.

The publishers of school books have been very generous in sending us complimentary copies of new texts, which are valuable for reference work.

In all, 140 volumes have been added to the library this year.

The great need is for more reference books, so I hope the town will continue to appropriate money for the library.

We have had another of the State traveling libraries of 50 volumes and have had a dozen or more books containing material needed for debates, loaned us by the State Library at Augusta.

In November, the High School organized a debating and literary society, which gives a program every other Friday afternoon. Each pupil responds to the roll call with a quotation one time and a current event or funny story the next; each takes his place on the program by giving a reading, recitation or essay, by debating or acting as editor of the school paper. No pupil is excused and no pupil will take part more times during the year than his classmates do. An exception has been made in favor of the students who are preparing for the debates with the Buckfield and Canton High Schools.

These debates on the subject, "*Resolved*, That Immigration into the United States should be entirely prohibited for five years, beginning June 1, 1920," will be held on the same night, some time the middle of March, in the three towns, Buckfield, Canton and Dixfield.

Plans are being perfected also for a baseball league and athletic meet with these same schools, as nothing stimulates more interest among the students and ensures more loyalty to one's own school than such contests.

Many of our pupils are rehearsing for a Cantata, "Paul Revere," to be given in the spring.

My assistant, Miss Pennell, is able to help the school a good deal musically, as she has devoted much time both to vocal and instrumental music. She is also a good all around teacher.

Early in September, Mr. Josiah Taylor, the State Agent for Secondary Education, visited the High School. He professed to be well pleased with the work and gave us many valuable suggestions, upon which we have acted.

In general, the work is going better this year than last; the scholarship is improved and the pupils are taking more interest in their studies.

Oral English has been continued. For this forty copies of the Literary Digest and Current Events are taken, by the pupils.

The grade and High School students have not only adopted a French orphan, Auguste Baré, but have contributed generously to the Fund for the Restoration of School Buildings in France, to the Red Cross and to the Roosevelt Memorial.

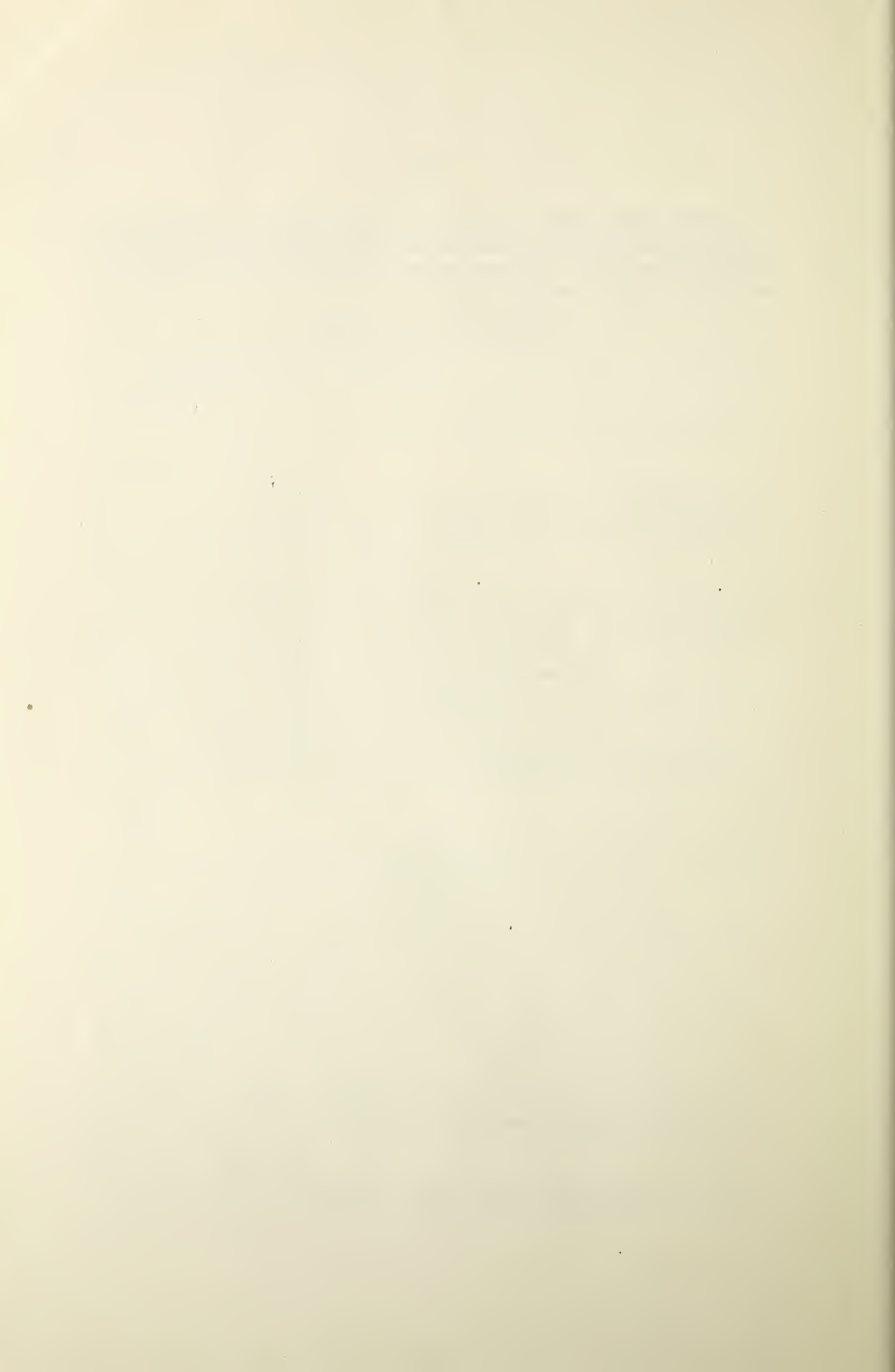
Both teachers and pupils regret that illness has kept Mr. Dockham from his duties at the school building.

I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty co-operation, and you, Mr. Coburn, and the members of the Board of Education for the constant support and help which you have so kindly given me this year.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH K. CHAPMAN,

Principal.



Report of School Committee

DIXFIELD, MAINE, February 13, 1920.

We herewith submit our report for the past year:—

As in all other lines of work, whether industrial, professional, agricultural or otherwise, so also in school work, there have arisen in the last year new and almost startling conditions and situations which have had to be met. To the school officials alone, of course, are familiar all these problems and changes, and the school officials alone have been obliged to bear the responsibility of maintaining the standing of our schools under the conditions of the present day, and anticipating the developments in school affairs in the immediate future.

Your Committee has used its best judgment and common sense in making every decision, and every question has been settled only after careful thought and deliberation.

We feel satisfied with the progress that has been made in the school work and think that the standing of our schools is higher than a year ago. We have been indeed fortunate in being able to procure as good teachers as are teaching in our schools at the present time. They not only work hard individually, but as in the central or village school, with complete harmony, without which such good results could not be so readily obtained. The Committee wish to take this opportunity to express their thanks and appreciation to the teachers for their efforts in their work.

We have made marked improvement in the conditions of our rural schools in the past year. The repairs on the Severy Hill schoolhouse and the building of the new school building on the Common have been a long step in the direction of improving conditions in our rural schools, and thereby making more nearly possible the obtaining of a common school education in our rural schools as well as at the central school.

The most important matter in connection with school affairs is teachers' wages, and after the agitation of the past months in the newspapers it would be idle to go into the matter further in this report. We have decided that our

teachers should receive more pay, and, in fact, at the beginning of the winter term we did advance the salaries of the teachers in our common schools one dollar per week. We think they should receive a further advance, and advocate the following as a tentative schedule of teachers' wages:

High School graduates, without experience, \$15.00 per week.

High School graduates, with experience, \$15.00 to \$18.00 per week.

Normal School graduates, without experience, \$18.00 per week.

Normal School graduates, with experience, from \$18.00 up to \$25.00 maximum, according to ability and experience.

We would also recommend that our Superintendent receive more salary. We alone realize what a vast amount of detail falls on his shoulders, and the constant and cheerful effort it requires to keep things moving smoothly. It has been a very great pleasure to work with Mr. Coburn, and we have embodied in our proposed appropriations a sum that will provide a salary commensurate with his worth.

The final and most important matter which we wish to discuss is the matter of money to meet school requirements for the ensuing year, and we give below our estimates of the amounts needed for the different school accounts for the year 1920-1921. Upon comparing the amounts raised last year with those proposed for the coming year there appears to be a startling advance in the appropriations for the common schools and High School accounts. A part of this increase may be explained by the fact that we have been obliged to start a school in the Paul district, but teachers' salaries are the principal factor, although fuel, transportation, etc., all enter into the increased amount required. We have, however, gone into the matter thoroughly, and our recommendations have been made after paring our estimates to the lowest possible figure which will allow us to keep our schools going and pay the bills.

Estimates for	1920-1921	1919-1920
Common schools,	\$5,300.00	\$3,300.00
High School,	1,700.00	1,350.00
Books and supplies,	550.00	500.00
Insurance and lights,	60.00	275.00
Library,	100.00	100.00
Repairs,	500.00	200.00
Laboratory,	100.00	100.00
Superintendence,	350.00	250.00
Office expense,	35.00	100.00
Flags,	15.00	
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	\$8,710.00	\$6,175.00

Mr. Stetson and Mr. Stowell would like to go on record before closing this report as heartily endorsing the re-election of Mr. Harvey, our retiring chairman. For constant and untiring effort on behalf of our rural schools we feel that Mr. Harvey has never had an equal, at least, in our day, and nothing could please us more than his return at the annual meeting as a member of this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. HARVEY,
A. N. STOWELL,
E. L. STETSON,

Committee.





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TOWN OFFICERS

CLERK

BURTON K. MURDOCK

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

WM. M. KIDDER

W. W. ROLLINS

K. K. BRACKETT

TREASURER

G. O. GARDNER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

D. W. HARVEY

A. N. STOWELL

E. L. STETSON

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

HENRY W. COBURN

TAX COLLECTOR

J. P. EDMUNDS

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

W. M. PEASE, M. D.

SEWER INSPECTOR

C. H. AMES

TOWN WARRANT

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE.

To JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS, *a Constable of the Town of Dixfield, in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dixfield, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1921, being the seventh day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To choose one or more members of School Board.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending Feb. 12, 1921.

ART. 4. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts this year.

- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase books and supplies, to repair schoolhouses, permanent school fund for incidental office expenses, for Superintendent of Schools, for laboratory, for insurance and lights, for school library, to pay outstanding time orders, to pay interest on outstanding orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, Sewer Inspector, to pay hydrant rental, public library, support of poor, to repair roads and bridges, to pay interest on cemetery fund, fire protection, observance of Memorial Day, miscellaneous town charges and to defray all other town charges.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to continue Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will vote to raise for support of same.
- ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriation and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid, as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to join with two or more other towns in building a continuous State Aid road from Rumford to Farmington, the town to raise the sum of \$2665.00, the State to pay \$6379.20.

- ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen to hire such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the running expenses of the Town until the taxes can be collected, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State Aid road.
- ART. 17. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for street lights at East Village.
- ART. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Dixfield and Peru ferry.
- ART. 19. To see if the Town will have and elect a Budget Committee for the ensuing year, that shall consist of 9 members and whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amounts of money that shall be necessary to vote to raise for the Town to properly carry on its business. Said Budget Committee's finding to be presented to the town at the annual meeting for action thereon.
- ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn district.
- ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill district.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Towle district.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Paul district.
- ART. 24. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to raise the tolls of the Dixfield and Peru ferry so as to make it self-supporting.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to finish a room in the High School building, and how much money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for same, or act in any way in relation thereto.

ART. 26. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield this 12th day of February, A. D. 1921.

WM. M. KIDDER,
W. W. ROLLINS,
K. K. BRACKETT.

Selectmen of Dixfield.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year ending February 12, 1921:

Value of real estate, resident,	\$433,475.00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	62,225.00
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Total value real estate,	\$495,700.00
Value of personal estate, resident,	\$213,520.00
Value of personal estate, non-resident,	4,900.00
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Total value of personal estate,	\$218,420.00
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Total valuation,	\$714,120.00
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Total value of land,	\$196,805.00
Total value of buildings,	296,395.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For common schools,	\$5,300.00
Free High School,	1,700.00
Repairs on schoolhouses,	500.00
Books and supplies,	550.00
Office Expenses,	35.00
Superintendence,	350.00
Laboratory,	100.00
Insurance and lights,	60.00
Flags,	15.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Interest on time orders,	300.00
Outstanding time orders due,	1,000.00
Municipal Officers,	1,300.00
Hydrant rental,	300.00
Public library,	300.00
Support of Poor,	750.00
Roads and bridges,	7,000.00
Interest on Cemetery funds,	66.00

For Memorial Day,	\$ 100.00
Street lights at East Village,	50.00
Dixfield and Peru ferry,	250.00
State Aid road,	2,665.00
State Aid maintenance,	525.00
State tax,	5,156.54
County tax,	1,457.13
Overlay,	1,062.05
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Total commitment,	\$31,036.72
Supplementary tax, \$23.70.	
Number of polls, 347.	
Number not taxed, 10.	
Rate of poll tax, \$3.00.	
Rate of property tax, \$.042.	
Amount of poll tax,	\$ 1,041.00
Amount of property tax,	29,995.72
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	\$31,036.72

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value
Horses and mules,	246	\$88.84	\$21,855.00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old,	3	55.00	165.00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old,	3	55.00	165.00
Cows,	446	44.35	19,800.00
Oxen,	4	81.25	325.00
Three-year olds,	118	35.20	4,160.00
Two-year olds,	150	24.66	3,705.00
Sheep, over 35 in number,	15	6.00	90.00
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Total amount,			\$50,265.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value
One-year olds,	158	\$17.40	\$2,750.00
Sheep to 35 in number,	220	6.92	1,524.00
Swine to 10 in number,	146	16.19	2,365.00
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Total amount,			\$6,639.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank stock,	\$ 8,900.00
Trust Co.'s Stock,	5,500.00
Bridge Co. Stock,	13,425.00

Stock in trade,	\$34,200.00
Small boats,	300.00
Logs and lumber,	19,800.00
Automobiles,	36,450.00
Musical Instruments,	8,750.00
Finished products in mills,	15,100.00
Materials in stock,	1,500.00
Portable Mills,	1,200.00
Other property,	23,030.00
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Total amount,	\$168,155.00
Amount livestock brought forward,	50,265.00
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Total amount personal property,	\$218,420.00

COMMON SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$5300.00
Unexpended, 1919-20,	545.92
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Tuition, Town of Mexico,	475.86
Tuition, Town of Carthage,	69.00
Tuition, L. M. Newman,	38.24
State, Equalization Fund for teachers' salaries,	400.00
State, School and Mill Fund,	805.65
State, Common School Fund,	1,186.04
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Available,	\$8,865.71

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries,	\$4,996.00
Fuel,	1,019.37
Janitor service,	686.43
Transportation,	921.50
Tuition, Town of Wilton, 1919,	347.67
Tuition, Town of Wilton, 1920,	419.00
Board of pupils,	42.00
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	\$8,431.97
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Unexpended,	\$433.74

HIGH SCHOOL

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$1,700.00
Unexpended, 1919-20,	51.10
Tuition, Town of Peru,	366.00
O. A. Bisbee,	51.00
W. M. White,	39.00
Henry Harlow,	12.00
Vivian Horne,	15.00
L. M. Newman,	30.00
State,	500.00
Unappropriated funds account,	72.39
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Available,	\$2,836.49

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries,	\$2,262.18
Fuel,	319.31
Janitor service,	255.00
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	\$2,836.49

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$550.00
Unexpended, 1919-20,	1.69
Sale of supplies, etc.,	290.28
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Available,	\$841.97
Expenditures,	816.52
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Unexpended,	\$25.45

REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$500.00
Unexpended, 1919-20,	212.10
Sale of fire escape,	25.00
Unredeemed check, 1915,	7.50
Damage by pupils,	4.50
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Available,	\$749.10

EXPENDITURES

Repairs at Central,	\$384.20	
Towle,	70.00	
Paul,	80.13	
Common,	10.96	
Severy Hill,	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$550.29
Unexpended,		\$198.81

INSURANCE AND LIGHTS

Appropriation,	\$60.00
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EXPENDITURES

Overdraft, 1919-20,	\$ 5.38	
Lights,	40.18	
Insurance,	14.10	
	<hr/>	\$59.66
Unexpended,		\$.34

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$350.00	
State, equalization fund,	100.00	
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Available,		\$450.00
Expended,		\$446.68
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Unexpended,		\$3.32

LABORATORY

Appropriation,	\$100.00	
Laboratory fees,	39.75	
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Available,		\$139.75

EXPENDITURES

Overdraft, 1919-20,	\$ 12.86	
Apparatus,	125.33	
	<hr/>	\$138.19
Unexpended,		\$1.56

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$100.00	
Unexpended, 1919-20,	.37	
Available,		\$100.37
Expended,		86.75
Unexpended,		\$13.62

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation,	\$35.00	
Unexpended, 1919-20,	22.03	
Available,		\$57.03

EXPENDITURES

Vouchers, blank forms, etc.,	\$24.28	
Promotion cards,	4.60	
Rent of Farmers' telephone,	4.00	
School forms,	5.97	
Postage, telephone, stationery, etc.,	18.18	
		\$57.03

FLAGS

Appropriation,	\$15.00
Flags for Towle, Paul and Common,	\$15.00

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Balance old account,	\$ 5.43	
Appropriation,	1300.00	
Transfer from unappropriated funds,	73.77	
		\$1,379.20

ORDERS DRAWN

B. K. Murdock,	\$10.00
D. A. Gates (ballot clerk),	3.00
Chas. Elliott (ballot clerk),	6.00
A. N. Stowell (ballot clerk),	9.00
P. M. Cooper (ballot clerk),	6.00
Alton Brown (ballot clerk),	3.00
John A. Babb (ballot clerk),	9.00
C. H. Ames (sewer inspector),	10.00

E. L. Stetson (school board),	\$ 10.00
D. W. Harvey (school board),	10.00
W. K. Chase (janitor),	4.80
S. A. Russell (janitor),	11.80
M. P. Judkins (janitor),	8.40
W. M. Pease (local health officer),	15.00
Burton K. Murdock (clerk),	10.00
J. P. Edmunds (constable),	15.00
J. P. Edmunds (dog constable),	10.00
G. O. Gardner (treasurer),	75.00
Wm. M. Kidder (selectman),	300.00
W. W. Rollins (selectman),	125.00
K. K. Brackett (selectman),	97.00
J. P. Edmunds (collector),	621.20
	<hr/> \$1,379.20

SEWER REPAIRS

By balance old account,	\$288.00
Received from Laforest Waite (entrance),	25.00
Received from Alton Brown,	25.00
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Orders drawn,	\$338.00
	20.18
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Unexpended balance,	\$317.82

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation,	\$300.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid W. M. Pease, M. D., Trustee,	\$300.00

MEMORIAL DAY FUND

Appropriation,	\$100.00
Paid Dixfield band,	50.00
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Unexpended balance,	\$50.00
Deposited in Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls Trust Co., June 30, 1917, the interest to be used for the benefit of the G. A. R.,	\$100.00

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

By balance old account,	\$416.62
Orders drawn,	381.97
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Unexpended balance,	\$34.65

STREET LIGHTS EAST VILLAGE

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Transfer from unappropriated funds,	.04
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	\$50.04
Orders drawn,	\$50.04

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST—\$1650.00

EUSTIS FUND—\$500.00

Balance old account,	\$58.63
Appropriation,	20.00
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	\$78.63
Orders drawn,	8.00
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Unexpended balance,	\$70.63

ROSANNA CUMMINGS FUND—\$50.00

Balance old account,	\$39.00
Appropriation, one year's interest,	2.00
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	\$41.00
Unexpended balance,	\$41.00

RIVERSIDE FUND—\$1,000.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$40.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$40.00

GLINES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$2.00

KNOWLES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$2.00

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Balance old account,	\$479.80
Transferred to Riverside Cemetery Fence,	39.00

Received from

Frank Brown	\$ 50.00	
Fred Childs,	25.00	
H. B. Holt,	25.00	
Joseph Howard,	25.00	
Mrs. E. C. Torrey,	30.00	
Mrs. Frank Leavitt,	30.00	
Geo. Ricker,	30.00	
J. G. Hutchinson,	25.00	
N. S. Stowell,	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$858.80

By orders drawn, 21.00

Unexpended balance, \$837.80

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY FENCE

Balance old account,	\$285.69
Orders drawn,	283.13

Unexpended balance, \$2.56

DIXFIELD AND PERU FERRY

Appropriation,	\$250.00	
Received from Town of Peru,	239.73	
	<hr/>	\$489.73

Orders drawn, 488.96

Unexpended balance, \$.77

DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

By balance old account,	\$84.50
Orders drawn,	13.00

Unexpended balance, \$71.50

STATE PAUPER

Balance due from State,	\$ 23.14	
Orders drawn,	293.37	
	<hr/>	\$316.51

Received from State, 214.67

Due from State, \$101.84

ADDIE LOVEJOY ACCOUNT

Received for rents,	\$282.00	
Transferred from Support of Poor,	52.65	
	<hr/>	\$334.65
Orders drawn,		\$334.65

SUPPORT OF POOR

By balance,	\$247.80	
Appropriation,	750.00	
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Total,		\$997.80

EXPENDITURES

Support of A. E. Blaisdell,	\$309.43	
Support of Margie Hannaford,	85.05	
Support of Roscoe Coolidge,	80.00	
Support of Albert Holman,	37.40	
Support of Esther Pratt,	28.00	
Tramps,	8.50	
Transferred from Addie M. Lovejoy acct.,	52.65	
	<hr/>	\$601.03
Unexpended balance,		\$396.77

TIME ORDERS DUE

Appropriation,	\$1000.00
Paid Mary E. Johnston,	\$1000.00

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS

By balance,	\$145.30	
Appropriation,	300.00	
	<hr/>	\$445.30
Orders drawn,		409.97
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Unexpended balance,		\$35.33

OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

Order No.		
530	Nov. 16, 1907, G. P. Torrey,	\$ 300.00
102	June 5, 1908, McGregor Bros.,	1,140.00
142	June 29, 1908, E. E. Brown,	1,000.00
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		\$2,440.00

Issued on account of temporary loans authorized at special town meeting March 15, 1909.

Order No.		
608	Apr. 1, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	\$500.00
689	Apr. 8, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
695	May 20, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
		<hr/> \$900.00

Issued on account of schoolhouse addition.

Order No.		
909	Oct. 5, 1914, E. L. Torrey,	\$500.00
1211	Feb. 13, 1915, J. P. Johnston,	299.19
		<hr/> \$799.19

Issued on account of new schoolhouse.

Order No.		
1422	Sept. 1, 1915, E. L. Torrey,	\$1,000.00
1423	Aug. 31, 1916, G. P. Torrey,	450.00
1468	Oct. 1, 1915, Verdurina Ludden,	500.00
341	Jan. 13, 1917, J. P. Johnston,	1,500.00
343	Jan. 13, 1917, Verdurina Ludden,	1,500.00
		<hr/> \$4,950.00

Total outstanding loans,	<hr/> \$9,089.19
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STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Balance,	\$ 1.80	
Appropriation,	525.00	
Received from State,	261.25	
	<hr/>	\$788.05
Orders drawn,		766.59
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Unexpended balance,		\$21.46

THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

Received from State,		\$748.00
Orders drawn,	\$602.25	
Transferred from State road No. 2,	145.75	
	<hr/>	\$748.00

STATE AID ROAD NO. 1

By balance old account,	\$133.27	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	11.98	
	<hr/>	\$145.25
Orders drawn,		\$145.25

STATE AID ROAD NO. 2

Appropriation,	\$2,665.00	
Received for cement sold,	86.70	
Received for cement bags,	46.27	
Received from State,	4,235.06	
Transferred from third class highway,	145.75	
Transferred from unapprop. funds to bal.,	55.73	
	<hr/>	\$7,234.51
Orders drawn,		\$7,234.51

JOHN S. HARLOW PARK

Received from B. K. Murdock,	\$187.90	
Received from John A. Babb, for grass,	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$202.90
No orders drawn.		

ROADS AND BRIDGES

By balance old account,	\$ 594.10	
Appropriation,	4,500.00	
Transfer from special app. valley road,	484.89	
Appropriated Apr. 26, 1920,	2,500.00	
State Treasurer, 50-50,	49.50	
Berst, Forster Dixfield Co.,	7.43	
	<hr/>	\$8,135.92

ORDERS DRAWN (Summer Work)

E. L. Torrey,	\$ 1.20
C. L. Dillingham	8.97
John S. Harlow,	9.40
H. W. Beedy,	11.00
Geo. H. Swan,	124.80
B. D. Coolidge,	55.20
K. K. Brackett,	70.36
H. W. Beedy,	14.25
Kidder Bros.,	20.00
H. W. Beedy,	27.00
Averill & Cox,	3.15
W. O. Paine,	31.50
H. W. Beedy,	18.00
Alton Brown,	6.00
K. K. Brackett,	170.00
H. W. Beedy,	27.00
H. W. Beedy,	28.50

K. K. Brackett,	\$184.70
H. W. Beedy,	28.50
Myron Holman,	45.00
Claud Averill,	24.00
Chas. M. Lane,	251.96
Roger D. Holman,	56.48
W. O. Paine,	60.00
W. W. Rollins,	273.00
Fred Ford,	124.00
Erwin D. Fuller,	12.00
Clyde S. Wright,	4.00
A. L. Douglass,	12.00
A. G. Hathaway,	72.00
H. E. Coolidge,	36.00
Claud Averill,	40.00
D. J. Coolidge,	105.50
Frank Holman,	35.00
W. F. Drown & Son,	22.90
H. W. Beedy,	19.00
Wilfred Towle,	32.00
Geo. H. Towle,	10.00
Frank I. Brown,	8.00
F. W. Morrison,	92.00
H. W. Beedy,	21.25
Lester S. Libby,	6.90
W. C. Hall,	8.00
Elliot Brown,	60.00
K. K. Brackett,	86.50
H. W. Beedy,	20.19
D. D. Holman,	16.75
H. W. Beedy,	4.75
John S. Harlow,	129.72
Kidder Bros.,	8.00
Carl E. Towle,	24.00
Wilfred Towle,	24.00
J. R. Farren,	58.00
H. W. Beedy,	23.75
John S. Harlow,	15.65
H. W. Beedy,	42.75
K. K. Brackett,	96.00
Roger D. Holman,	18.00
Angelina Parillo,	5.00
John S. Harlow,	61.35
H. E. Coolidge,	4.00

H. W. Beedy,	\$ 30.00
Clyde Paul,	76.00
Ilus Chandler,	24.00
Geo. I. Fletcher,	3.57
Fred Ford,	63.00
Arthur Wilkins,	22.16
A. L. Holman,	74.00
W. W. Rollins,	146.50
W. O. Paine,	42.50
H. W. Beedy,	14.25
Chas. Lane,	19.54
G. H. Swan,	16.00
W. M. Andrews,	5.75
Erwin Fuller,	12.25
Jason Adams,	56.00
K. K. Brackett,	35.00
C. L. Dillingham,	5.78
Chester Coolidge,	11.25
C. H. Towle,	56.13
W. F. Drown & Son,	7.65
E. G. Porter,	14.68
Ralph E. Walton,	14.25
G. E. Carlton,	28.00
Wm. M. Kidder,	6.50
Myron Holman,	37.00
Nelson Rose,	20.00
J. W. Adams,	32.00
Carl Towle,	16.00
F. W. Morrison,	40.00
G. P. Torrey,	5.85
Gates & Brown,	9.92
Transfer from winter work,	3,278.81
By balance,	1,002.70
	<hr/> \$8,135.92

(Winter Work)

Jason Adams,	\$ 26.25
Ellery G. Porter,	3.50
Frank Weld,	7.00
Roy Hall,	7.50
James Wing,	5.25
Roger D. Holman,	14.00
S. D. Rand,	61.68
Paul Parillo,	26.06

Guy Armstrong,	\$ 4.68
W. C. Hall,	25.78
Geo. Stevens,	14.43
Norman Fish,	7.41
A. G. Hathaway,	31.20
John Tucker,	44.66
W. O. Paine,	62.20
W. W. Rollins,	62.20
Harry Coolidge,	33.00
Averill & Cox,	104.20
Roy Hall,	7.59
Paul Parillo,	12.25
Roland J. Grover,	7.00
Merle Berry,	3.50
Ralph E. Walton,	31.85
D. C. Coolidge,	38.50
Milton Lane,	7.58
James Wing,	5.45
Fred Whittemore,	4.08
Frank Whittemore,	4.08
A. Whitman,	15.18
Joseph Curneil,	17.33
L. O. Johnson,	50.56
W. T. Chandler,	36.30
Ilus Chandler,	21.35
J. S. Adams,	70.00
E. G. Packard,	23.50
J. B. Holman,	17.50
Fred Holman,	15.75
Herbert Hannaford,	21.76
Joseph Hannaford,	28.45
Roger D. Holman,	14.78
Myron L. Holman,	36.00
D. A. Adams,	10.50
Elliot Brown,	96.25
C. M. Lane,	52.50
R. Plaisted,	3.50
R. Bryant,	3.50
Earle McClure,	3.50
Ellery G. Porter,	45.50
S. D. Rand,	14.99
Carl Weld,	26.25
B. T. Berry,	17.89
Geo. I. Fletcher,	14.00

Elmer Flagg,	\$ 91.52
Myron Snowman,	12.45
Frank M. Marshall,	54.65
W. E. Towle,	32.70
Carl Towle,	17.94
Richard Towle,	4.87
Harland Child,	35.83
A. J. Mace,	8.75
Clarence E. Danforth,	7.55
Cleon H. Adams,	15.99
J. W. Adams,	49.00
D. W. Harvey,	11.65
Lamont Philbrick,	7.00
G. M. Dean,	26.46
W. M. Andrews,	64.25
Averill & Cox,	24.50
N. E. Coolidge,	15.38
John Tucker,	19.68
D. E. Russell,	83.08
O. J. Coolidge,	5.08
W. E. Wright,	21.50
Clyde S. Wright,	15.46
Allen Curtis,	20.14
R. M. Burnham,	1.75
Frank Holman,	41.04
Douglass Brothers,	73.19
A. G. Hathaway,	22.00
Carroll H. Gile,	35.38
Alton Coolidge,	54.95
Henry Smith,	9.10
Carroll Babb,	18.00
W. H. Smith,	34.00
R. E. Walton,	17.50
L. G. Blanchard,	55.84
D. C. Coolidge,	9.36
Erwin Fuller,	59.00
Delmont Hall,	50.83
W. O. Paine,	21.28
Guy Webster,	19.50
W. W. Rollins,	24.75
C. C. Smith,	40.68
Cressey Macomber,	8.00
Arthur Weld,	28.68
Elliot Brown,	17.50

G. E. Carlton,	\$ 67.47
A. L. Carlton,	14.93
B. D. Coolidge,	13.40
Nelson Rose,	11.46
Chester C. Coolidge,	1.60
H. W. Beedy,	4.00
J. G. Hutchinson,	54.18
C. H. Eustis,	19.42
K. K. Brackett,	42.63
F. W. Morrison,	9.00
Thomas Gordon,	17.50
Walter E. Holman,	87.50
Geo. H. Swan,	7.50
Frank Weld,	29.38
Alex. Holman,	15.57
W. F. Drown & Son,	44.00
John M. Steele,	10.46
W. C. Porter,	15.67
Geo. Towle,	7.00
Verdell Holman,	44.88
Alphonso Whitman,	2.00
Robert O. Horan,	2.00
Harry E. Coolidge,	20.00
John Tucker,	16.00
W. O. Paine,	16.50
W. W. Rollins,	34.50
G. P. Torrey,	18.25
M. L. Walton,	44.53
	<hr/> \$3,278.81

ABATEMENTS

D. W. Harvey,	\$13.50
A. E. Blaisdell (poor),	8.40
Everett Foster (paid in New Portland),	3.00
Archie Gross (soldier),	3.00
Walter M. Holman (lost buildings by fire),	12.60
Lawrence Look (paid in Jay),	3.00
David Parillo (gone),	3.00
Walter Small (error),	4.20
C. E. Purrington (overvaluation),	25.20
Myles Swett (gone),	3.00
Oliver Welch (overvaluation),	12.60
G. M. Walton (paid in Wilton),	3.00
Frank Allen (taxed to J. S. Maxwell),	50.00

Heirs of Maurice Fuller (overvaluation),	\$16.80
Addie M. Lovejoy (helped by town),	33.60
Roy Whittemore (paid in Wilton),	3.00
H. L. Bruce (sickness),	9.80
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	\$226.10

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

By balance,	\$ 3.73
Supplementary tax, 1919,	30.60
Transfer from Dunn Cemetery,	50.00
Transfer from draining road near Dunn Cemetery,	50.00
Transfer from snow fence at Marble's,	100.00
Transfer from special app. Towle Hill,	5.02
Received from Ernest Dunn, cement,	1.50
Received from Mrs. W. W. Tainter (vic. license),	1.00
Received from C. A. Wilson (victualer's lic.),	1.00
Received from M. McIntire (victualer's lic.),	1.00
Received from Maynard Harlow (pool lic.),	10.00
Received from R. L. Butler (fireworks),	1.00
Received from J. H. Kerr (cement plaster),	1.50
Rec'd from W. M. Andrews (cement plaster),	7.50
Rec'd from John S. Harlow (cement plaster),	1.50
Received from Mr. Weeks (cement plaster),	4.50
Received from Cash (cement plaster),	3.00
Rec'd from D. W. Harvey (cement plaster),	15.00
Rec'd from C. A. Wilson (4th July license),	1.00
Rec'd from Chester S. Elliot (victualer's lic.),	1.00
Rec'd from Frank Stanley (picture license),	10.00
Overlay,	1,062.05
Supplementary tax,	23.70
State R. R. & T. tax,	20.92
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	\$1,406.52
Paid C. L. Dillingham,	10.20
Transferred to State Road No. 1,	11.98
Transferred to State Road No. 2,	55.73
Transferred to street lights, East Village,	.04
Transferred to interest on temporary loan,	115.33
Transferred to Free High School,	72.39
Transferred to Municipal Officers,	73.77
W. E. Putnam fund, deposited in bank,	200.00
J. P. Edmunds, abatements,	226.00
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	\$765.54
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Unexpended balance,	\$640.98

BALANCE SHEET

Common schools,	\$ 433.74
Books and supplies,	25.45
Repairs of schoolhouses,	198.81
Insurance and lights,	.34
Superintendence,	3.32
Laboratory,	1.56
School library,	13.62
State aid maintenance,	21.46
Sewer repairs,	317.82
Memorial Day,	50.00
Miscellaneous town charges,	34.65
Eustis fund,	70.63
Cummings fund,	41.00
Greenwood Cemetery,	837.80
Riverside Cemetery fence,	2.56
Dixfield and Peru ferry,	.77
Dixfield Fire Co.,	71.50
Support of Poor,	396.77
Interest on outstanding orders,	35.33
John S. Harlow Park,	202.90
Roads and bridges,	1,002.70
Unappropriated funds,	640.98
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	\$4,403.71
Due from State, State pauper,	\$101.84
Due from State, State pension,	15.00
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	\$116.84
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Balance cash in treasury,	\$4,286.87

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN

LIABILITIES.

Outstanding loans,	\$9089.19
Cemetery funds held in trust,	1,650.00
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	\$10,739.19

RESOURCES

Shingles,	\$ 70.00
Paint,	75.00

Due from State, State pauper	\$ 101.84
State pension,	15.00
J. R. Macpherson, rent,	11.00
Cash in treasury, Feb. 12, 1921,	4,286.87
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	\$4,559.71
Net amount of liabilities,	<hr/>
	\$6,179.48

TREASURER'S REPORT

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		To cash balance from 1919 account,	\$4,162.74
		To cash from	
Mar.	12.	W. M. White, tuition,	12.00
	12.	O. A. Bisbee, tuition,	12.00
	25.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	15.00
Apr.	1.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	2,000.00
	16.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	39.50
	16.	Ernest Dunn, cement sold,	1.50
	16.	Town of Peru, tuition,	120.00
	16.	Wm. Eustis, rent on ferry bond,	5.00
	26.	Frank Brown, cemetery lots,	50.00
May	11.	M. Harlow, billiard license,	10.00
	11.	C. A. Wilson, victualer's license,	1.00
	11.	M. McIntire, victualer's license,	1.00
	11.	Mrs. W. W. Tainter, victualer's license,	1.00
	11.	Ralph Butler, Fourth of July license,	1.00
	19.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1,000.00
	19.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pension,	6.00
	19.	James Kerr, cement,	1.50
	26.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	67.99
June	5.	Henry Harlow, tuition,	12.00
	5.	W. M. White, tuition,	12.00
	5.	W. M. Andrews, cement,	7.50
	14.	Chas. Wilson, Fourth of July license,	1.00
	14.	J. S. Harlow, cement,	1.50
	29.	Town of Peru, tuition,	96.00
	29.	O. A. Bisbee, tuition,	12.00
July	3.	Mr. Weeks, cement,	4.50
	7.	Cash, cement,	3.00
	19.	Fred Childs, cemetery lot,	25.00
	28.	Leforest Waite, entering sewer,	25.00
	28.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pension,	6.00
	28.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	77.98
	30.	Town of Carthage, tuition,	69.00
Aug.	10.	Harry B. Holt, cemetery lot,	25.00

Sept.	9.	B. K. Murdock, dog license,	\$ 110.00
	21.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	33.00
Oct.	1.	State Treasurer, public library,	30.00
Oct.	1.	H. W. Coburn, common schools;	
		tuition,	38.24
	1.	H. W. Coburn, High School tuition,	12.00
	9.	L. M. Newman, High School tuition,	15.00
	14.	A. N. Stowell, school repairs,	25.00
	14.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	49.50
	16.	B. K. Murdock, Harlow Park,	187.90
	18.	Joe Howard, cemetery lot,	25.00
	20.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	13.50
	20.	Mrs. E. C. Torrey, cemetery lot,	30.00
	20.	F. H. Leavitt, cemetery lot,	30.00
	21.	C. L. Dillingham, to bal. check unpaid,	7.50
	25.	John Babb, Harlow Park,	15.00
Nov.	3.	Chester Elliott, victualer's license,	1.00
	3.	D. W. Harvey, cement,	15.00
	3.	Geo. I. Fletcher, cement,	1.70
	3.	R. D. Holman, cement,	3.40
	3.	J. S. Harlow, cement,	42.50
	6.	Geo. Ricker, cemetery lot,	30.00
	10.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pension,	6.00
	10.	State Treasurer, equalization fund,	500.00
	10.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	68.70
	10.	Frank Stanley, picture license,	10.00
	18.	Town of Peru, tuition,	150.00
	18.	W. M. White, tuition,	15.00
	18.	H. W. Coburn, laboratory,	21.75
	18.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	17.00
	18.	State Treasurer, school mill fund,	805.65
	18.	State Treasurer, common school	
		fund,	1,186.04
	18.	State Treasurer, R. R. and Tel. tax,	20.92
Dec.	1.	Percy Drown, cement,	1.70
	7.	Winslow Co., cement bags,	46.27
	14.	H. W. Coburn, High School,	15.00
	14.	H. W. Coburn, books, supplies,	12.00
	20.	State Treasurer, High School,	500.00
	21.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	11.00
	22.	N. S. Stowell, cemetery lots,	100.00
	29.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	261.25
	30.	Alton Brown, sewer entering,	25.00
	31.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	364.05

Dec.	31.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	\$ 4,235.06
Jan.	15.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	10.00
	17.	L. M. Newman, High School tuition,	15.00
	20.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	16.15
	20.	Town of Peru, books and supplies,	33.41
	27.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	26.00
	28.	N. S. Stowell, cement,	37.40
	28.	Town of Mexico, tuition,	475.86
Feb.	1.	H. W. Coburn, school repairs,	4.50
	3.	J. H. Hutchinson, cemetery lot,	25.00
	4.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	25.00
	4.	Town of Weld, books and supplies,	18.18
	4.	Town of Carthage, books and supplies,	11.34
	8.	Vivian Horne, tuition,	15.00
	8.	Town of Peru, ferry account,	239.73
	8.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	9.20
	8.	H. W. Coburn, laboratory,	18.00
	10.	Berst Foster Dixfield Co.,	7.43
	10.	H. C. Howard, acct. Addie Lovejoy,	150.00
	10.	John McPherson, acct. Addie Lovejoy,	132.00
	10.	Tax commitment, 1920, J. P. Edmunds,	31,036.72
	10.	Supplementary tax,	23.70
Total debits,			<u>\$49,301.96</u>

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By paid			
Mar.	27.	Wm. E. Putnam fund on int. book No. 1863,	\$ 200.00
	31.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	6.00
July	14.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	6.00
Sept.	28.	State Treasurer, dog licenses,	110.00
Oct.	7.	Public library, amount from State,	30.00
	19.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	6.00
Nov.	29.	State Treasurer, State tax, 1920,	5,156.54
Dec.	24.	County Treasurer, county tax,	1,457.13
Jan.	21.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	15.00
Feb.	11.	Orders cancelled,	38,028.42
	11.	Cash in treasury,	4,286.87
Total credits,			<u>\$49,301.96</u>
Bal. Sheet, Feb. 12, 1921,			\$4,403.71

Cash in hands of Treas.,	\$4,286.87
Cash due from State pensions,	15.00
Cash due from State paupers,	101.84
	—————\$4,403.71

(Signed) G. O. GARDNER,
Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO RETURNS MADE
TO THIS OFFICE TO FEB. 10, 1921.

MARRIAGES

1920

Apr. 24—Otis A. Gammon (Peru) and Ann M. Putnam (Rumford).

May 24—William F. Bird and Rossie G. Blaisdell.

May 31—George P. Stowell and Bertha Guild Chase.

June 5—Kenneth B. Hawkes and Ethel June Price.

June 18—Hershel B. Holt and Jane Martin Cummings.

July 20—Sidney A. Hezelton (Peru) and Edith M. Holman (Peru).

Aug. 18—Walter V. Woodbury (Farmington) and Hannah L. Howard (Farmington).

Sept. 4—Thomas Blake (Mexico) and Florence Alice Turner (Mexico).

Nov. 10—Guy S. Sanders (Canton) and Katherine Boothby (Canton).

Nov. 24—Vernon W. Staples and Gladys W. Hennessey.

Dec. 9—Mid W. Brown (Weld) and Anna R. Carleton (Weld).

Dec. 15—Carl E. Towle and Hazel M. Packard.

Dec. 15—Fred Luce (Peru) and Ella S. Bigelow (Peru).

Dec. 25—Carl E. Smith and Thalia M. Virgin.

Dec. 25—John R. Grover and Esther M. Woodsum.

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Jan. 15—Carroll C. Noyes and Ethel Cora Hill.

BIRTHS

1920

Feb. 27—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Walton, son.

Feb. 29—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Weld, son.

Mar. 17—To Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins, son.

Mar. 22—To Mr. and Mrs. George N. Lakin, son.

Mar. 29—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Davenport, son.
 Apr. 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Welch, daughter.
 Apr. 11—To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Bredenberg, son.
 Apr. 13—To Mr. and Mrs. Laforrist Collins, daughter.
 Apr. 26—To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sturtevant, son.
 Apr. 29—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Andrews, son.
 May 27—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lambert, daughter.
 June 10—To Mr. and Mrs. William O. Paine, daughter.
 June 7—To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac R. Easter, son.
 July 5—To Mr. and Mrs. Maurice N. Morse, son.
 July 19—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Childs, son.
 July 21—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Weld, daughter.
 Aug. 23—To Mr. and Mrs. Verdell Holman, daughter.
 Aug. 30—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Heath, son.
 Sept. 1—To Mr. and Mrs. J. Munroe Woodman, daughter.
 Oct. 1—To Mr. and Mrs. Mertice L. Walton, son.
 Oct. 10—To Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Coolidge, son.
 Dec. 14—To Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Cox, daughter.
 Dec. 23—To Mr. and Mrs. Allan Curtis, daughter.
 Dec. 30—To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott M. Brown, daughter.

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Jan. 24—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Paul, daughter.
 Feb. 2—To Mr. and Mrs. Merle M. Hodge, son.
 Feb. 2—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Child, son.

DEATHS

1920

Mar. 10—Jennie W. Whittemore, age, 64 yrs. 9 mos. 7 days.
 Mar. 24—Ada M. Howard, age, 36 yrs. 10 mos. 11 days.
 Mar. 6—Clivia L. Mitchell (Lewiston), age, 48 yrs. 9 mos. 27 days.
 Apr. 21—Geo. W. Dockham, age, 69 yrs. 5 mos. 28 days.
 May 16—Ada M. Howard, age, 50 yrs. 2 mos. 21 days.
 May 21—Rufus H. Douglass (Ridlonville), age, 64 yrs. 8 mos. 21 days.
 June 11—Edith A. Stowell, age, 56 yrs. 11 mos. 13 days.
 June 19—Anna M. Younkin (New York), age, 57 yrs.
 July 20—Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Childs, age, one-fourth day.
 July 31—Sarah E. Putnam (Lewiston), age, 73 yrs. 9 mos. 10 days.

Aug. 25—Marion P. Hutchinson, age, 14 yrs. 6 mos.

Sept. 13—Helen Powers (Woodstock), age, 77 yrs. 11 mos. 13 days.

Oct. 28—William B. Edwards (Paris), age, 68 yrs. 11 mos. 13 days.

Nov. 20—Roscoe H. Coolidge, age, 82 yrs. 10 mos. 19 days.

Jan. 27, 1921—Barbara Inez Paul, age, 3 days.

DOGS LICENSED BY CLERK AFTER APRIL 1, 1920

No. dogs licensed by clerk, 78.

53 males

8 females

17 spaded females

Killed or otherwise disposed of

2 females

BURTON K. MURDOCK,

Town Clerk.



Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Dixfield:

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

School administration for the past year has been a difficult problem on account of the critical teacher situation throughout the State and Country. Thousands of children in the Country and hundreds in our own State have been deprived of school privileges because teachers could not be obtained. The question of teacher shortage has resolved itself largely into a matter of adequate salaries, and, as a result, the trained teachers today are receiving salaries more nearly commensurate with their real worth than ever before.

Dixfield has been fortunate in having been able to furnish its schools with capable teachers, and at present, every elementary school but one is in charge of a teacher with Normal training and experience. The fact that our salary schedule compares very favorably with that of surrounding towns, has enabled us to secure these teachers. Our average salary for this year for elementary schools is \$757.00, while the average for the State is \$703.00 and for the County \$636.00.

It is interesting to note that our average salary a year ago was \$553.00.

I do not anticipate any blanket increase in salaries for the next year but that in special cases increases will be given depending upon individual ability and training.

The reopening of schools after the summer vacation found four teachers back in their old positions, Miss Chapman in the High School, Miss Russell in Grades 1 and 2, Miss Chaney in Grades 5 and 6, and Mrs. Weld in the Dixfield Common school. The new teachers have proved themselves to be very capable and enthusiastic in their work, and, in most instances, have more than maintained the standard of excellence set by their predecessors.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dixfield's great school problem lies in the High School. This school is growing larger every year. Last year there were enrolled 56, this year 70, and there is every prospect of an enrollment of over 80 next fall. With the present number our teachers are forced to work under difficulties. We have been obliged to omit the regular opening exercises in the morning and to drop Latin from the curriculum in order to conform to the State requirements as to length of periods and number of periods per teacher. These things of course tend to detract from the general efficiency of the school. Our seating capacity is more than filled now and some students are obliged to occupy chairs.

With any increase in enrollment there will arise the necessity of finishing off another room and employing another teacher. When this is done we can feel that our High School students will enjoy as good privileges as those in other towns that maintain three teacher schools. A straight classical course can be carried, also a good course in business methods, together with the present general scientific course. We are fortunate in having the room all ready to be finished and the expense of doing this will not be burdensome, while the expense of a third teacher will be largely taken care of by the money received from tuition pupils.

When we realize that there is only one two-teacher school in the State larger than ours, and that there are 31 three-teacher schools and 6 four-teacher schools smaller than ours, it makes us wonder whether or not we are giving our High School students the advantages that we ought.

This is the situation that is confronting us and is a matter that should have the careful consideration of every citizen of the Town.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The work of the grade teachers is very satisfactory. Each is a worker and each has the faculty of keeping their pupils interested in their work. The primary room is filled to capacity with 41 registered, and every seat in the grammar room is taken. There are 35 in this room, 29 in the 5th and 6th grade and 27 in the 3rd and 4th grade, making 132 in the grades and 202 in the building.

Our rural schools are doing excellent work. Miss Gammon, who was working at the Severy Hill school, resigned at the end of the fall term. Her place is being filled for

the remainder of the year by Miss Murray, a graduate of Normal School and a teacher of ability and experience. On account of illness in several families, the attendance here has been small for the present term. However, I am anticipating a well attended and successful term in the spring. Some of the pupils live a long distance from this school, making it difficult for them to attend in the winter, and for this reason transportation has been furnished during the cold weather.

The school at the Common is again under the instruction of Mrs. Weld. This is our largest rural school, with a registration of 24, and good progress is being made.

We were fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. Cameron as teacher in the Paul school. This school is larger than last year, 12 being registered. The two scholars from the Dunn district are being transported to this school instead of to Canton Point as was done last year. Mrs. Cameron is a teacher of well known ability and has made her school a pronounced success in every way.

It was not necessary to open the Towle school this fall as Mr. Walton and Mr. Holman had moved away and the Carthage children who attended here last year decided to attend school at East Dixfield.

ATTENDANCE

I am pleased to report a better average attendance than that of last year. Last winter term showed the poorest attendance, as is apt to be the case, the average being 81.6%. The spring and fall terms were better attended, the averages being 86.4% and 88.7% respectively, the average for the year being 85.5% as against 83.3% last year.

The school census taken in April gave 321 persons between the ages of 5 and 21, an increase of 15 over last year. Of this number 226 are attending school either here or out of town.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Of the three rural buildings now in use, two are in good condition, the ones at Severy Hill and the Common. One side of the roof at the Paul school has been shingled and new steps made. There are other necessary repairs to be made to this building and funds have been included in the recommendations to paint the woodwork and whiten the walls

and ceiling of the school-room. The Towle schoolhouse needs shingling badly and shingles have been purchased and delivered so that the work can be done this spring. Although this building may not be used for some time it is very good policy to keep it in repair. The principal item of repairs made at the Central building this year was the installation of two radiators in the fifth and sixth grade room. This was the coldest room in the building, but these radiators have remedied this difficulty. It was the intention of the committee to have the building painted last summer and material was purchased for this purpose. However, it was impossible to find a painter to do the work, so it has had to be put off till another year.

The principal inside repair work necessary is the tinting of the walls of the halls, these having become discolored more or less, particularly in the up-stairs hall. Also, it will be necessary to purchase more seats for the High School.

All the school buildings are equipped with flags. The one at the Central building is nearly worn out and a new one should be provided soon. A small amount is recommended for that purpose.

The schools are well equipped with text books and for the most part only replacements will be necessary. The 7th grade has been furnished with a new Geography and enough will have to be provided for the 8th grade next fall. A new book on Maine History and Government, by Glen W. Stark-ey, Deputy State Superintendent of Schools, should be in the hands of every 8th grade pupil and I would recommend these books be purchased.

FINANCES

It is a great pleasure to report no overdrawn accounts. The balance shown in the common school account perhaps needs some explanation. \$400.00 of this amount is the State equalization fund given expressly for teachers' salaries, which will be distributed to our present teachers at the end of the school year in June. It was deemed by the Committee a better plan to hold back this amount and distribute it as a sort of bonus, than to include it in the weekly wages. No account of this money has been made in the recommendations for next year.

This amount was Dixfield's share of the \$100,000.00 Equalization fund set aside last spring especially for an increase in teachers' salaries. We received this from the fact that

our percentage of increase in common school appropriations in 1920 over 1919 was more than the average increase thru the State.

We did not share in the regular Equalization fund, our tax rate for 1919 for common schools, .0046, being below the State average of .00478, although our municipal rate, .034, was above the average rate of the State, which was .0333. We should receive a small amount from this fund this year, as our municipal rate of .042 and our rate for common schools of .0075 are above the State averages of .0384 and .0071 respectively.

In closing I wish to thank the teachers for their co-operation in the administration of the schools and their willingness to adopt and carry out any suggestions for improvement that I might offer. I wish also to thank the members of the Committee for the very active interest they have shown in all school matters, and for the advice and assistance they have given me in my work. It has been a pleasure to be associated with them in the management of school affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN, *Superintendent.*

Report of Principal of High School

To the Superintendent of Schools, Dixfield, Maine:

I herewith submit to you this, my third annual report of the work of the Dixfield High School.

We opened school on September 13th, with an enrollment of 64 pupils—6 have since entered, making a total of 70. All the members of the Senior, Junior and Sophomore classes, with the exception of one, are back, so 98% of the pupils finishing last year's work are in school. Of the 102 different pupils enrolled during the past three years 70% have graduated or continued on as students of our school; 25% of those leaving have entered other schools—in half of these cases the families have moved, so 76% of the pupils are in school.

These statistics are interesting because so much has been written recently about the appalling number of high school pupils who drop out of school. Much has been said, also, of the leakage between the 8th grade and high school. Here practically every pupil enters the high school after finishing the grades.

As you know, we are much crowded for room, all the seats and desks possible have been put into the main room in which the Seniors and Juniors and part of the Sophomores sit, the rest of the Sophomores and the Freshmen have seats in the other room, which is well filled. For recitations we, the teachers and classes, shift back and forth to the room, which is best adapted to the work in hand, and the pupils not in the reciting classes sit wherever there is space for them. Not enough chairs are available for each pupil to have a seat by himself during assembly and literary society, so two often occupy a single chair. There ought to be a larger assembly room.

We had to revise our course of studies to meet the State requirements for 1920, which are that every recitation period must be 40 minutes long, and no teacher may have

more than three subjects nor teach more than seven periods a day.

We dropped Latin from the curriculum and omitted the daily opening exercises, substituting "assembly" for 20 minutes before noon the three days in the week when there is no laboratory work.

We combine classes wherever feasible; thus in English, Chemistry and Higher Algebra (followed by English History the second semester), the Juniors and Seniors recite together in classes numbering 26 to 29 members. All the Sophomores and part of the Seniors and Juniors make up a class of 35 in Farm Accounts and Bookkeeping.

The work with the Freshmen and Sophomores cannot be combined, as the difference between the 8th grade and high school subjects is so great that the Freshmen cannot do the 2nd year work until they have finished the first year. Neither can the French classes of different years be combined advantageously.

In French, the pupils have a wonderful opportunity, as Mr. Piers speaks French fluently, was in France during the war and remained a year after its close to study in Paris. Besides the French, Mr. Piers teaches English and Ancient History.

I teach the Mathematics, Civics and Sciences. The equipment for Botany, General Science and Chemistry is good, but the desk space in the laboratory is small, so there have to be two divisions for experimental work. The pupils enjoy laboratory work.

The cost of chemicals and apparatus has gone up so much during the past two years it was found necessary to charge each pupil a fee of 75 cents a term in Chemistry to help cover the actual cost of materials used up and broken.

As three of the subjects taught during the fall term were half year ones, we decided to have no examinations at the end of the term, but have them in the middle of the year at the completion of these subjects.

The report cards in use throughout the schools are ruled for such semester ranking. We put the examination grades in figures, as we have the monthly ranks throughout the year so the parents can tell at a glance what their children are doing in their studies.

It was voted by the Board of Education that only those pupils having passing grades in all subjects can take part in

contests with other schools. The demerit system in discipline has also been introduced.

One of our great needs is a building or place where basket ball and heavy gymnastics could be enjoyed; the pupils do not get enough exercise and muscular development.

The Triangular Debating League made up of Buckfield, Canton and Dixfield high schools has entered the Bates Interscholastic League, to which some 50 other Maine high schools belong.

The team winning in each Triangular debate is sent to Bates College to compete for a place in the final debate of all the schools. The subject, "Resolved, That the United States shall adopt a policy toward Chinese and Japanese immigration similar to that applied to immigrants from European Countries," will be debated here with Buckfield high school on March 11th, Cora Bisbee, Velma White, Orman Dunham, George Gordon, Archie Holman, William Marble and Kirke Stowell are working for the debate.

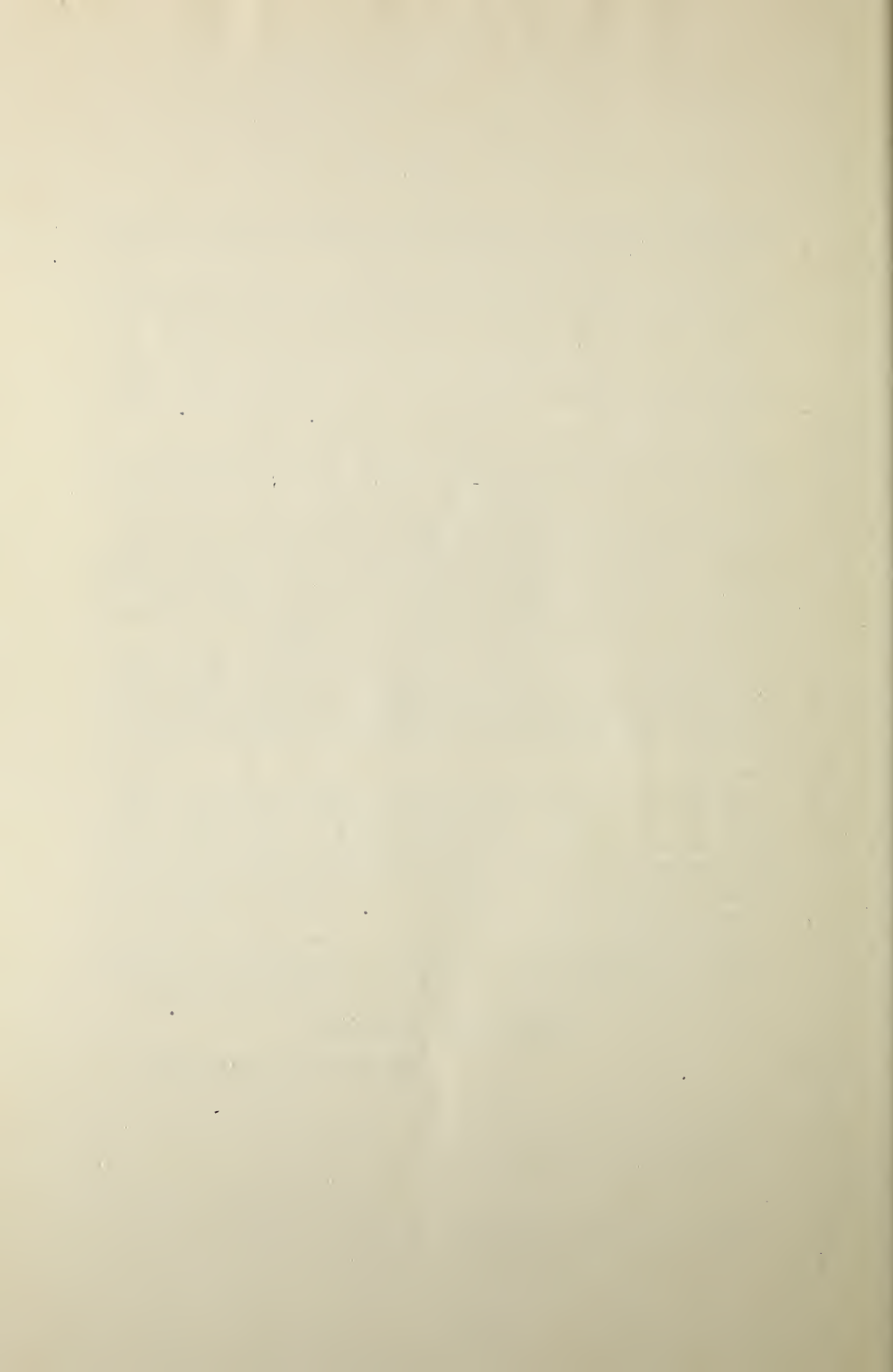
Last year in the Base Ball League the Dixfield High School Team won the silver cup from Buckfield and Canton. The schedule for games this spring with these and other high schools is being made out and it is expected that we shall have a good season with practically the same team as last year.

Through the town appropriation more books have been added to the library, the more valuable ones being on our own State of Maine. Hilda Humphrey acts as librarian. The literary society has its regular programme every two weeks and the other interests of the school continue as in former years.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation of the interest and support given to all of us teachers by you, Mr. Coburn, and by the members of the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH K. CHAPMAN.



Report of School Committee

DIXFIELD, MAINE, Feb. 12, 1921.

To the Voters of Dixfield:

We respectfully submit for your consideration, our report for the last school year, and our recommendations for the next year.

During 1920 the high prices for fuel and for supplies of all kinds have been maintained, and in many cases a marked increase has been seen. Particularly is this true of books and fuel. Fuel has cost more than double the 1914 prices, and the increase in books is nearly as much. We feel that the peak has been reached in this, and hope that when our fuel supply is put in for the next year, we may be able to make a saving over last year. We have not felt justified in figuring the amounts any less in making up the estimates, but shall hope by careful buying to have some balance left at the end of 1921. The estimates have been carefully gone over by the Budget Committee, and are approved by them, and our various accounts are embodied in their report.

In the Common School account we have asked for an increase of \$700.00 over last year. The expense for transportation will be more than \$300.00 over last year, under present conveyance conditions. Regarding this, we feel that if the parents having scholars living at such distances from school that some form of conveyance is necessary, would take into consideration the excessive cost to the town, per pupil, that it would seem that they might meet the committee half way in this matter, and make the transportation charges as small as possible.

We have allowed very little for increases in salaries, as in general we feel that the maximum has been reached. In exceptional cases, with teachers of marked ability, and particular success in this town, we feel that we should be able to pay such salaries to them as will keep them with us. The remainder of the increase in this amount is on account of fuel.

The Committee make the following recommendations:

That \$500 of the Town debt be paid out of the Greenwood Cemetery account, in which there is a substantial balance and, also, that Time Order No. 1211 held by Mrs. Mary Johnston be paid out of Unappropriated Funds.

That the salary of the first Selectman be fixed at \$200 and the Salaries of the Second and Third Selectman be fixed at \$60 each, the salaries of the other Municipal Officers remaining unchanged.

That the expense of maintaining the State Aid Road, including the Town's share of the pay of two Patrolmen, one for the Carthage, Weld road, and the other for the Valley road, be paid out of the Roads and Bridges Appropriation.

That the expense of maintaining the Peru Ferry be paid from the Unappropriated Funds and, also, that the Selectmen be instructed to petition the County Commissioners to raise the tolls on this Ferry so that it will be self supporting.

The Budget Committee in making their recommendations have tried to keep their estimates at the lowest possible figure and at the same time carry on the Town's business in an efficient manner. In fact, the Appropriations as recommended total \$19,039.00 for next year as against \$23,361.00 for last year, a difference of \$4,322.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. STETSON,
D. A. GATES,
J. S. HARLOW,
W. W. WAITE,
W. M. KIDDER,
K. K. BRACKETT,
ALTON BROWN,
N. S. STOWELL,
D. W. HARVEY,
H. W. COBURN,
A. N. STOWELL,

Committee.





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Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

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C. L. AVERILL

Road Commissioner

W. W. WAITE

Treasurer

VERDURINA LUDDEN

School Committee

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A. N. STOWELL

D. W. HARVEY

Superintendent of Schools

HENRY W. COBURN

Tax Collector

J. P. EDMUNDS

Local Health Officer

W. M. PEASE, M. D.

Sewer Inspector

C. H. AMES

TOWN WARRANT

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE.

TO JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS, *a Constable of the Town of Dixfield, in said County,*

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Dixfield, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday in March, A. D. 1922, being the sixth day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 4. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5. To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Tax Collector for the ensuing year.
- ART. 6. To choose one or more members of School Board.
- ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending Feb. 14. 1922.
- ART. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.

- ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts this year.
- ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase books and supplies, to repair schoolhouses, permanent school fund for incidental office expenses, for Superintendent of Schools, for laboratory, for insurance and lights, for school library, to pay outstanding time orders, to pay interest on outstanding orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, Sewer Inspector, to pay hydrant rental, public library, support of poor, to repair roads and bridges, to pay interest on cemetery fund, fire protection, observance of Memorial Day, miscellaneous town charges and to defray all other town charges.
- ART. 11. To see if the town will vote to continue Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will vote to raise for support of same.
- ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriation and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid, as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 13. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.

- ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the running expenses of the Town until the taxes can be collected, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State Aid road.
- ART. 16. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for street lights at East Village.
- ART. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Dixfield and Peru ferry.
- ART. 18. To see if the Town will have and elect a Budget Committee for the ensuing year, that shall consist of 9 members and whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amounts of money that shall be necessary to vote to raise for the Town to properly carry on its business. Said Budget Committee's finding to be presented to the town at the annual meeting for action thereon.
- ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn district.
- ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill district.
- ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Towle district.
- ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Paul district.
- ART. 23. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to raise the tolls of the Dixfield and Peru ferry so as to make it self-supporting.

- ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to extend the sewer in Dixfield Village along Weld Street from the point where it now ends, nearly opposite the residence of Parker Cooper, to the house of Will Babb, or any part of the same. Also to build a sewer along the street known as "Park Avenue" to connect with said sewer on Weld Street. Also to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise by loan or otherwise to build said sewers or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$500.00 to be expended on the road beginning at the Jay line, near the residence of S. G. Wheelwright, and extending toward East Dixfield, as far as good construction will allow, or act in any way thereto.
- ART. 26. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of building the Town way from Weld Street to High Street, as laid out by the Selectmen, just north of the house of H. H. Luce, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 27. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for the purpose of buying a flag for the High School building, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- ART. 28. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield this 14th day of February, A. D. 1922.

WILLIS W. WAITE,
C. L. DILLINGHAM,
C. L. AVERILL,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year ending Feb. 13, 1922.

Value of real estate, resident,	\$481,395.00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	67,900.00
Total value of real estate,	<u>\$549,295.00</u>
Value of personal estate, resident,	\$236,055.00
Value of personal estate, non-resident,	6,055.00
Total value of personal estate,	<u>242,110.00</u>
Total valuation,	<u>\$791,405.00</u>
Total value of land	\$226,420.00
Total value of buildings,	\$322,875.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For common schools,	\$6,000.00
Books and supplies,	550.00
Repair of schoolhouses,	700.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Superintendent of schools,	530.00
Incidental office expenses,	45.00
Laboratory,	125.00
Insurance and lights,	185.00
School library,	90.00
Interest on time orders,	350.00
Municipal officers,	1,100.00
Hydrant rental,	300.00
Support of poor,	200.00
Repair of roads and bridges,	5,200.00
Interest on Cemetery funds,	66.00
Miscellaneous town charges,	200.00
Memorial Day,	50.00
Free High School,	2,600.00
State Aid road,	533.00

For street lights at East Dixfield,	\$ 75.00
Public Library,	300.00
State tax,	4,140.47
County tax,	1,316.32
Overlay,	939.75
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	\$25,640.54
Supplementary tax,	61.60
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Total commitment,	\$25,702.14
Number of polls taxed, 369.	
Number not taxed, 18.	
Rate of poll tax, \$3.00.	
Rate of property tax, .031.	
Amount of poll tax,	\$ 1,107.00
Amount of property tax,	24,533.54
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	\$25,640.54

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value
Horses and mules,	228	\$91.07	\$20,764.00
Colts, 3 to 4 years old,	1	50.00	50.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	3	40.00	120.00
Colts, under 2 years old,	2	25.00	50.00
Cows,	454	40.23	17,962.00
Oxen,	6	64.16	385.00
Three-year olds,	106	32.45	3,439.00
Two-year olds,	116	23.40	2,715.00
Sheep, over 35 in number,	20	5.00	100.00
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			\$45,585.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

	No.	Av. Value.	Total Value
One-year olds,	140	\$15.00	\$2,120.00
Sheep to 35 in number,	264	4.22	1,115.00
Swine to 10 in number,	112	8.00	896.00
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			\$4,131.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bank stock,	\$ 9,400.00
Trust Co.'s stock,	5,000.00

Stock in trade,	\$36,750.00
Small boats,	350.00
Logs and lumber,	42,400.00
Automobiles,	46,375.00
Musical instruments,	11,850.00
Finished products in mills,	24,800.00
Materials in stock,	1,500.00
Bridge stock,	18,100.00
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Total amount,	\$196,525.00
Amount livestock brought forward,	45,585.00
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Total amount personal property,	\$242,110.00

COST OF FINISHING ROOM IN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Gauthier & Voter Co.,	\$ 15.75
V. A. Linnell,	1.00
Dunton Lumber Co.,	2.55
M. A. Hearne,	5.00
F. P. Whalack,	14.40
Edward E. Babb & Co.,	73.17
N. S. Stowell & Co.,	146.01
R. U. Fowler,	40.00
C. H. Towle,	18.81
W. M. Kidder,	355.26
Z. W. Taylor,	8.06
Rumford Falls Light & Water Co.,	31.33
W. O. Babb,	10.00
V. C. Hearne,	15.60
E. P. Judkins,	31.85
J. L. Hammett & Co.,	266.00
E. R. Berry,	4.00
H. H. Hall,	12.10
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Orders drawn	\$1,050.89
Transferred from unappropriated funds to bal.	\$1,050.89

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Appropriation,	\$1,100.00
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ORDERS DRAWN

Alton Brown (ballot clerk),	\$ 3.00
Charles Elliott (ballot clerk),	3.00

A. N. Stowell (ballot clerk),	\$ 3.00
John A. Babb (ballot clerk),	3.00
W. M. Pease (local health officer),	15.00
C. H. Ames, (sewer inspector),	10.00
E. L. Stetson, (school board),	10.00
D. W. Harvey, (school board),	10.00
A. N. Stowell, (school board),	10.00
J. P. Edmunds, (constable),	15.00
J. P. Edmunds (dog constable),	10.00
J. P. Edmunds (collector),	514.05
Verdurina Ludden (treasurer),	75.00
B. K. Murdock, (clerk),	10.00
W. W. Waite, (selectman),	200.00
C. L. Dillingham, (selectman),	60.00
M. T. Judkins (janitor).	25.00
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	\$976.05
Unexpended balance	<hr/>
	\$123.95

SEWER REPAIRS

By balance old account,	\$317.82
Received from P. M. Abrine,	25.00
W. O. Eastman,	25.00
E. C. Judkins,	25.00
Chester Magoon,	25.00
King Hiram Lodge,	25.00
Coney Masterman,	25.00
J. W. Dunham,	25.00
H. W. Merrill,	25.00
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	\$517.82
Orders drawn,	75.25
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Unexpended balance,	\$442.57

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation,	\$300.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$300.00
Paid W. M. Pease, M. D., Trustee,	\$300.00

MEMORIAL DAY FUND

By balance,	\$50.00	
Appropriation,	50.00	
By interest on fund in bank to Oct. 1, 1921,	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$106.00
To deposited in Dixfield & R. F. T. Co.,	\$50.00	
Paid Dixfield Band,	50.00	
Paid American Legion for flags,	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$106.00
Deposited in Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls Trust Co., June 30, 1917, the interest to be used for the benefit of the G. A. R.,		\$100.00
Deposited April 26, 1921.		50.00
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MISCELLLENEOUS TOWN CHARGES

By balance of old account,	\$ 34.65	
Appropriation,	200.00	
By check from Town of Peru, lights,	1.88	
By check from Town of Mexico, lights,	1.88	
	<hr/>	\$238.41
Orders drawn,	\$211.56	
Transferred from unappropriated funds.	26.85	
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STREET LIGHTS AT EAST VILLAGE

Appropriation,	\$75.00	
Paid Livermore Falls Light & Power Co.,	66.68	
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Unexpended balance		\$8.32

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST—\$1,650.00

EUSTIS FUND—\$500.00

Balance old account,	\$70.63	
Appropriation,	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$90.63
Orders drawn,		3.00
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Unexpended balance,		\$87.63

ROSANNA CUMMINGS FUND—\$50.00

Balance old account,	41.00	
Appropriation, one year's interest,	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$43.00
Unexpended balance,		<hr/> \$43.00

RIVERSIDE FUND—\$1.000.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$40.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$40.00

GLINES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$2.00

KNOWLES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland,	\$2.00

W. E. PUTNAM FUND HELD IN TRUST—\$500.00

Deposited in Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls Trust
Co., March 27, 1920.

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Balance old account,	\$837.80	
Geo. W. Brown,	25.00	
Mrs. Leland Lamb,	25.00	
Mrs. Kendall Billington,	25.00	
Mrs. Augusta White,	25.00	
Mrs. Emma Hodsdon,	30.00	
Mrs. Josephine Watters,	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$992.80
Transferred in payment of Order No.		
909 held by E. L. Torrey,	\$500.00	
Orders drawn,	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$525.00
Unexpended balance,		<hr/> \$467.80

DIXFIELD AND PERU FERRY

By balance,	\$.77	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	200.73	
	<hr/>	\$201.50
Paid Town of Peru,		\$201.50

DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

By balance,	\$71.50	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	4.75	
	<hr/>	\$76.25
Paid J. B. Davis, Clerk,		\$76.25

STATE PAUPER

Balance due from State,	\$101.84	
Orders drawn,	282.66	
	<hr/>	\$384.50
Received from State,		361.36
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Due from State,		\$23.14

ADDIE LOVEJOY ACCOUNT

Received for rents,	\$257.00	
Transferred from Support of Poor,	68.65	
	<hr/>	\$325.65
Orders drawn,		\$325.65

SUPPORT OF POOR

By balance old account,	\$396.77	
Appropriation,	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$596.77

EXPENDITURES

Support of A. E. Blaisdell,	\$365.55	
Roscoe Coolidge,	4.00	
Charlie Haines,	35.75	
Albert Holman,	50.00	
Tramps,	5.00	
Transferred from Addie Lovejoy acct.,	68.65	
	<hr/>	\$528.95
Unexpended balance,		\$67.82

TIME ORDERS DUE

Transferred from Greenwood Cemetery funds,	\$500.00	
Unappropriated funds,	297.19	
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Paid E. L. Torrey Order No. 909,	\$500.00	
Paid Mary E. Johnston Order No. 1211,	297.19	
	<hr/>	\$797.19

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS

By balance,	\$ 35.33	
Appropriation,	350.00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	54.80	
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		\$440.13
Orders drawn,		\$440.13

OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

Order No.		
530	Nov. 16, 1907, G. P. Torrey,	\$ 300.00
102	June 5, 1908, McGregor Bros.,	1,140.00
142	June 29, 1908, E. E. Brown,	1,000.00
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		\$2,440.00

Issued on account of temporary loans authorized at special town meeting March 15, 1909.

Order No.		
608	Apr. 1, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	\$500.00
689	Apr. 8, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
695	May 20, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
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		\$900.00

Issued on account of new schoolhouse.

Order No.		
1422	Sept. 1, 1915, E. L. Torrey,	\$1,000.00
1423	Aug. 31, 1916, G. P. Torrey,	450.00
1468	Oct. 1, 1915, Verdurina Ludden,	500.00
341	Jan. 13, 1917, J. P. Johnston,	1,500.00
343	Jan. 13, 1917, Verdurina Ludden,	1,500.00
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		\$4,950.00

Issued on account of freeing Dixfield and Peru toll bridge.

Order No.		
38	Sept. 23, 1921, Geo. P. Stanley,	\$1,000.00
39	Sept. 23, 1921, C. L. Dillingham,	1,000.00
40	Sept. 23, 1921, Mrs. R. A. Leavitt,	550.00
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		\$2,550.00

Total outstanding loans,	\$10,840.00
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STATE AID MAINTENANCE .

By balance,	\$ 21.46	
Received from State,	132.11	
Transferred from highway money	421.93	
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		\$575.50

Paid State for patrol,	\$366.00	
Paid Beedy extra,	77.50	
Surfacing,	132.00	
	<hr/>	\$575.50

COST OF PATROL
EXTRA SURFACING

Paid by Town,	\$366.00	
Paid by State,	428.07	
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Paid H. W. Beedy patrol,	\$697.50	
Extra surfacing,	96.57	
	<hr/>	\$794.07

STATE AID ROAD, THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY
FALL HILL

Received from State,	\$727.00	
Orders drawn,	724.00	
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Unexpended balance,		\$3.00

STATE AID ROAD
VALLEY ROAD

Appropriation,	\$533.00	
Received from State,	708.89	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	1.37	
	<hr/>	\$1,243.26
Orders drawn,		1,243.26

ACCOUNT OF FREEING DIXFIELD AND PERU
TOLL BRIDGE

Cost of bridge,		\$25,000.00
By amount paid by Town of Peru,	\$2,000.00	
Bent Foster Co.,	1,500.00	
County,	8,500.00	
N. S. Stowell Co.,	1,500.00	
State,	8,750.00	
Burnham Morrill Co.,	200.00	
Town of Dixfield,	2,550.00	
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JOHN S. HARLOW PARK

Balance on hand,	\$202.90
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	450.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	300.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	300.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	150.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	125.00
Received from Campbell Show,	10.00
	<hr/> \$1,537.90

ORDERS DRAWN

F. M. Marshall,	\$370.50
F. M. Marshall,	97.61
Allen Sterling Co.,	7.84
C. C. Dunham,	24.15
W. O. Babb,	62.50
H. H. Luce,	12.00
A. D. Hathorn,	36.00
E. L. Stetson,	10.00
W. O. Babb,	70.50
Harris Holman,	92.25
W. M. Kidder,	93.13
C. H. Towle,	185.35
T. F. White,	11.50
J. S. Harlow,	116.37
Leavitt Masterman,	15.00
E. P. Judkins,	24.00
W. W. Gammon,	14.00
J. S. Harlow,	4.50
Bert Gerrish,	41.20
E. L. Stetson, insurance,	20.00
W. M. Kidder,	15.00
F. M. Marshall,	194.26
Ione Harlow,	6.40
Rumford Falls Light & Water Co.,	3.00
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Orders drawn,	\$1,527.06
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Unexpended balance,	\$10.84

ROADS AND BRIDGES

By balance of old account,	\$1,002.70	
Appropriation,	5,200.00	
By State Treasurer 50-50,	50.00	
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		\$6,252.70
To transferred to State Aid Maintenance,		421.93
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Available,		\$5,830.77

OLD BILLS OUTSTANDING 1920-21—\$293.18

ORDERS DRAWN (Summer Work)

C. L. Averill,	\$ 75.00
Good Roads Machine Co.,	127.40
Jason Adams,	3.50
Ellery Porter,	9.50
Averill & Cox,	30.00
Fred Whittemore,	24.50
Guy Merrill,	18.67
J. O. Jordan,	48.81
F. M. Marshall,	62.92
J. O. Jordan,	6.13
J. O. Jordan,	24.77
G. I. Fletcher,	21.00
J. S. Harlow,	55.53
Carl Weld,	42.00
S. D. Rand,	17.50
A. Whitman,	85.75
F. M. Marshall,	19.47
C. L. Averill,	84.00
Orville Averill,	58.50
Averill & Cox,	143.50
Frank Dill,	58.50
Harry Coolidge,	98.00
A. J. Coolidge,	105.00
Frank Holman,	31.50
Everett Packard,	31.50
John Tucker,	34.50
Emery Cox,	6.00
Erwin Fuller,	4.00
Herbert Hannaford,	15.75
J. O. Jordan,	12.00
E. C. Whittemore,	1.50
A. D. Wentworth,	86.00

Jason Adams,	\$ 17.50
Good Roads Machine Co.,	17.76
Carl Weld,	10.50
Herbert Hannaford,	10.50
J. O. Jordan,	24.50
L. P. Philbrick,	17.50
Herbert Hannaford,	3.50
Roger Holman,	156.95
J. O. Jordan,	9.40
C. A. Porter,	9.00
E. G. Porter,	29.00
Arthur Weld,	19.25
Myron Holman,	78.00
Elliott Brown,	54.25
J. S. Adams,	21.00
J. O. Jordan,	36.36
J. B. Holman,	3.50
W. C. Porter,	5.80
James Wing,	10.50
Derwood Merrill,	14.00
Myron Holman,	21.00
J. O. Jordan,	21.00
F. M. Marshall,	98.79
Geo. H. Swan,	40.25
E. F. Taylor,	8.60
John Putnam,	40.00
E. L. Torrey,	4.20
Geo. Stevens,	19.50
W. M. Andrews,	58.06
A. D. Wentworth,	171.50
E. E. Brown,	37.72
J. M. Steele,	29.72
Chas. H. Eustis,	55.50
John Putnam,	96.50
W. E. Wilder,	6.00
Averill & Cox,	9.00
Waite & Holt,	12.36
E. L. Cox,	12.00
O. W. Paine,	21.00
Harold Child,	42.00
Theodore Kidder,	2.75
F. M. Woodman,	10.50
J. O. Jordan,	73.50
Geo. Stevens,	3.25

Chas. H. Eustis,	\$ 4.50
Orie Hathaway,	19.50
L. O. Johnson,	108.50
John Putnam,	66.50
A. Whitman,	15.50
Douglas Bros.,	16.00
Harry Elwin,	57.75
James Mace,	31.50
J. S. Adams,	10.50
Myron Holman,	35.00
Elliott Brown,	24.50
Wm. Lane,	35.00
John Holman,	94.50
Harlon Child,	35.00
K. K. Brackett,	86.00
Archie Burgess,	7.00
Harris Holman,	29.75
O. J. Coolidge,	56.00
John Putnam,	10.50
A. W. Burgess,	10.00
Averill & Cox,	14.00
C. L. Averill,	8.00
Lester Averill,	6.00
Warren Cox,	6.00
W. O. Paine,	22.50
Averill & Cox,	13.50
L. G. Blanchard,	3.00
G. A. Severy,	45.00
John Robbins,	9.00
Henry Merrill,	19.85
John E. Holman,	43.26
Harry Elwin,	8.75
L. O. Johnson,	31.50
A. Whitman,	54.00
Geo. I. Fletcher,	27.50
Carl Weld,	15.00
Roger Holman,	21.00
Chas. Fletcher,	18.00
Lester Averill,	18.00
Averill & Cox,	51.00
D. D. Coolidge,	12.25
Harlon Child,	16.25
A. D. Wentworth,	103.54
Averill & Cox,	42.00

C. L. Averill,	\$ 24.00
Harris Holman,	17.50
Elliott Brown,	9.00
W. F. Drown,	16.50
B. F. Thomas,	17.01
Clyde Wright,	34.00
D. D. Holman,	15.75
A. D. Wentworth,	18.00
Linwood Tucker,	13.50
J. E. Tucker,	56.00
Geo. I. Fletcher,	2.75
J. M. Steele,	9.00
E. E. Brown,	59.75
Henry Merrill,	7.00
W. L. Paul,	8.00
C. H. Holman,	30.50
C. H. Towle,	29.24
C. C. Coolidge,	6.00
J. W. Adams,	23.30
Ellery Porter,	18.00
J. S. Harlow, plank,	151.03
Harry Coolidge,	32.00
Leavitt Masterman,	6.00
W. A. Paul,	13.60
M. L. Walton,	10.00
Gates & Brown, plank,	72.83
Frank Brown,	25.00
Jack Clemens,	4.00
J. M. Woodman,	6.00
Chas. Fletcher,	3.00
Lester Averill,	3.00
A. L. Winter,	1.50
J. E. Tucker,	52.50
G. M. Towle,	5.50
F. W. Danforth,	3.00
F. W. Morrison,	8.62
F. Whitman,	3.00
W. M. Kidder,	1.83
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	\$5,358.96
Transferred from winter work,	560.75
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	\$5,919.71
Overdrawn,	\$88.94

WINTER WORK, 1921-22

A. Whitman,	\$ 8.75
Douglass Bros.,	7.50
C. C. Coolidge,	4.70
Averill & Cox,	5.00
Leavitt Masterman,	8.00
Herbert Hannaford,	3.30
Joseph Hannaford,	4.15
Clyde Paul,	5.25
W. F. Drown & Son,	8.25
S. D. Rand,	9.40
J. S. Adams,	1.05
W. C. Porter,	10.15
Myron Holman,	9.80
A. Whitman,	21.35
Fred Holman,	4.05
Carl Weld,	2.10
Everett Packard,	2.10
Geo. I. Fletcher,	9.30
Lamont Philbrick,	4.05
J. Bennett Holman,	4.05
Verdell Holman,	3.60
F. W. Morrison,	9.10
W. O. Paine,	6.30
John Tucker,	6.80
Frank Holman,	22.20
Walter Smith,	13.05
Harry Coolidge,	44.10
Douglass Bros.,	73.70
O. J. Coolidge,	38.00
Erwin Fuller,	22.40
Laforest Babcock,	7.20
Averill & Cox,	75.60
Nelson Rose,	2.10
Fred Danforth,	3.30
Roy Mitchell,	1.80
Norman Fish,	2.10
Stanley Sills,	.90
J. G. Hutchinson,	23.10
Leon Knapp,	9.50
A. R. Coolidge,	11.40
W. M. Andrews,	5.90
Bert Ford,	1.95
C. H. Holman,	8.80

Arthur Weld,	\$ 2.70
Everett Packard,	.90
Arthur Weld,	1.00
Frank Weld,	4.15
Alex Holman,	.90
E. G. Porter,	1.80
Hezzie Packard,	.90
W. M. Kidder,	.50
J. W. Adams,	10.50
W. C. Hall,	12.20
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	\$560.75

ABATEMENTS

Bertie Andrews, mistake in name,	\$ 3.00
A. E. Blaisdell (poor),	7.44
Edgar Bean, paid in Lewiston,	3.00
Merle Berry, paid in Rumford,	3.00
Scott Bickford, paid in Oakland,	3.00
John Clemens, soldier,	3.00
Geo. N. Colburn, paid in Weld,	3.00
Archie Grass, soldier not discharged,	3.00
Kenneth Hawkes, soldier not discharged,	3.00
A. G. Hathaway, paid in Wilton,	16.95
Joseph Howard, sickness,	3.00
J. J. Holman, junior,	3.00
Hiram Howard, (gone),	3.00
Harry Lambert, paid in Oakland,	6.10
Cressey Macomber, paid in Mexico,	3.00
Simeon Morse, sickness,	3.00
Ceylon Newell, soldier not discharged,	3.00
Walter Small, error,	1.55
Lena Taylor, paid in Rumford,	10.85
Earle Webster, not of age,	3.00
Adolph Watters, sickness,	3.00
Munroe Woodman, paid in Wilton,	3.00
Ralph Whittemore, not of age,	3.00
Heirs of Maurice Fuller, overvaluation,	12.40
Walter Howard, taxed to M. T. Howard,	10.85
Addie Lovejoy, helped by town,	24.80
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	\$144.94

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

By balance,	\$640.98
Rec'd from C. A. Wilson, victualer's license,	1.00
Chester Elliott, victualer's license,	1.00
M. McIntire, victualer's license,	1.00
Mrs. W. W. Tainter, victualer's license,	1.00
C. A. Wilson, pool license,	10.00
R. L. Butler, 4th July license,	1.00
W. W. Waite, lumber sold,	15.00
State R. R. & T. Tax,	24.21
Campbell Show, license,	5.00
A. J. Marsh, auctioneer's license,	1.00
State damage to domestic animals,	24.00
Frank Stanley, picture license,	10.00
Transferred from Riverside Cemetery fence,	2.56
Supplementary tax,	61.60
Overlay,	939.75
Transferred from miscellaneous account,	26.85
	<hr/> \$1,765.95
Transferred to Mary E. Johnston,	\$ 299.19
Dixfield & Peru Ferry,	200.73
State Aid Road,	1.37
New school room,	1,050.89
J. P. Edmunds, abatements,	144.94
Dixfield Fire Co.,	4.75
Interest on time orders,	54.80
	<hr/> \$1,756.07
Unexpended balance,	<hr/> \$9.28

BALANCE SHEET

Common schools,	\$1,018.89
High school,	224.40
Books and supplies,	2.47
Repair of schoolhouses,	150.87
Superintendence,	53.32
Insurance and lights,	19.90
Library,	41.56
Laboratory,	52.90
Office expense,	1.93
Municipal Officers,	123.95

Sewer repairs,	\$ 442.57	
Street lights at E. Village,	8.32	
Eustis fund,	87.63	
Cummings fund,	43.00	
Greenwood Cemetery,	467.80	
Support of poor,	67.82	
Third class highway,	3.00	
Summer and winter work overdrawn,	88.94	
John S. Harlow Park,	10.84	
Unappropriated funds,	9.28	
	<hr/>	\$2,830.45
Due from State, State pauper,	\$23.14	
Summer and winter work overdrawn,	88.94	
	<hr/>	\$112.08
Balance cash in treasury,		\$2,718.37

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

LIABILITIES

Outstanding loans,	\$10,840.00	
Cemetery funds held in trust,	1,650.00	
Highway money (overdrawn),	88.94	
Due C. L. Averill, Selectman,	60.00	
Due C. L. Averill, conveyance of scholars,	22.50	
Bills outstanding estimated,	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$12,861.44

RESOURCES

Shingles,	\$ 70.00	
New road machine,	100.00	
J. R. Macpherson, rent,	11.00	
Due from State, (State pauper),	23.14	
Mrs. Minnie Morse, cemetery lot,	30.00	
Simeon Morse, cemetery lot,	30.00	
W. I. Heckman, sewer entrance,	25.00	
Cash in treasury, Feb. 14, 1922,	\$2,718.37	
	<hr/>	\$3,007.51

Net amount of liabilities,	\$9,853.93
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W. W. WAITE,
C. L. DILLINGHAM,
C. L. AVERILL,

Selectmen of Dixfield.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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1921.

Feb.	12.	To cash balance,	\$4,286.87
		To cash from	
Mar.	8.	State Treasurer, pension,	15.00
	8.	State Treasurer, State pauper,	78.70
	8.	W. M. White, High school tuition,	15.00
	17.	Town of Peru, High school tuition,	150.00
Apr.	2.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	7.00
	2.	B. A. Smith, common schools, tuition,	8.70
	4.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	10.00
	8.	Geo. W. Brown, cemetery lot,	25.00
	25.	Mrs. Leland Lamb, cemetery lot,	25.00
	28.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	450.00
	29.	Amasa Harlow, High school tuition,	8.75
May	6.	W. M. White, High school tuition,	15.00
	9.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1,000.00
	12.	Vivian Horne, High school tuition,	6.25
	12.	L. M. Newman, High school tuition,	15.00
	14.	C. A. Wilson, victualer's license,	1.00
	14.	Chester Elliott, victualer's license,	1.00
	14.	Maurice McIntire, victualer's license,	1.00
	14.	Mrs. W. W. Tainter, victualer's license,	1.00
	14.	C. A. Wilson, pool room license,	10.00
	14.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	67.28
	26.	Amasa Harlow, High school tuition,	15.00
June	1.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	6.00
	1.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1,000.00
	10.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1,000.00
	13.	P. M. O'Brien, sewer entering,	25.00
	18.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	300.00
	20.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	300.00
	21.	Isaac Searles, High school tuition,	15.00
	21.	Town of Peru, High school tuition,	150.00
	29.	H. W. Coburn, laboratory fees,	25.50
	29.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	16.60

July	2.	R. L. Butler, license to sell fireworks,	\$ 1.00
	8.	Mrs. K. W. Billington, cemetery lot,	25.00
	29.	Walter O. Eastman, sewer entering,	25.00
Aug.	8.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	77.98
	27.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	6.00
	31.	Campbell Bros. Shows, license,	5.00
Sept.	31.	Campbell Bros. Shows, Harlow Park,	10.00
	1.	Town of Peru, toll-bridge,	2,000.00
	1.	A. J. Marsh, auctioneer's license,	1.00
	7.	Beret-Foster-Dixfield Co., toll-bridge,	1,500.00
	13.	B. K. Murdock, dog licenses,	118.00
	23.	Geo. P. Stanley, loan, toll-bridge,	1,000.00
	23.	C. L. Dillingham, loan, toll-bridge,	1,000.00
	23.	N. S. Stowell & Co., toll-bridge,	1,500.00
	23.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies.	15.00
	24.	Oxford County Treasurer, toll-bridge,	8,500.00
	24.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	50.00
	29.	E. P. Judkins, sewer entering,	25.00
Oct.	1.	State Treasurer, toll-bridge,	8,750.00
	1.	State Treasurer, damage to domestic animals,	24.00
	1.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	150.00
	5.	Chester Magoon, sewer entering,	25.00
	5.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	19.10
	5.	Herbert Wood, common schools, tuition,	7.40
	7.	Burnham & Morrill Co., toll-bridge,	200.00
	7.	Mrs. Augusta White, cemetery lot,	25.00
	7.	Mrs. R. A. Leavitt, loan, toll-bridge,	550.00
	17.	State Treasurer, public library,	30.00
	21.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	34.00
	29.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	12.00
Nov.	11.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,	68.70
	14.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	125.00
	17.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	21.50
	19.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	727.00
	26.	W. W. Waite, lumber sold,	15.00
	28.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	24.00
	28.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	12.00
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, school and mill funds,	841.11
	1.	State Treasurer, common school funds,	1,283.90
	1.	State Treasurer, R. R. and Tel. tax,	24.21
	3.	State Treasurer, Imp. State Roads,	432.35
	3.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	10.50
	9.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	132.11

Dec.	17.	State Treasurer, equalization fund,	\$	244.00
	20.	Town of Peru, tuition, High school,		485.00
	24.	State Treasurer, High school,		500.00
	29.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., error,		26.50
1922				
Jan.	3.	Mrs. Emma Hodsdon, cemetery lot,		30.00
	5.	Town of Carthage, tuition, High school,		50.00
	10.	King Hiram Lodge, sewer entering,		25.00
	11.	Frank Stanley, picture license,		10.00
	11.	Town of Peru, bridge lights,		1.88
	13.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,		21.00
	14.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,		12.00
	20.	Town of Mexico, bridge lights,		1.88
	25.	Conie A. Masterman, sewer entering,		25.00
	26.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,		10.00
	26.	Town of Peru, books and supplies,		24.38
	26.	State Treasurer, support of paupers,		68.70
	26.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,		12.00
Feb.	1.	J. W. Dunham, sewer entering,		25.00
	3.	Alfred Richardson, tuition, common schools,		6.80
	3.	Town of Mexico, tuition,		512.89
	3.	Town of Weld, books and supplies,		8.25
	3.	Town of Carthage, books and supplies,		7.85
	6.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,		9.00
	7.	Josephine M. Walters, cemetery lot,		25.00
	11.	Henry Merrill, sewer entering,		25.00
	11.	H. C. Howard, acct., Addie M. Lovejoy,		125.00
	11.	J. R. McPherson, acct., Addie M. Lovejoy,		132.00
	11.	Tax commitment, 1921, J. P. Edmunds,		25,640.54
	11.	Supplementary tax,		61.60
Total debits,				<u>\$66,579.78</u>

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1921

By paid.

May	5.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	\$	6.00
Aug.	4.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,		6.00
Sept.	16.	State Treasurer, dog licenses,		118.00
	29.	County Treasurer, county tax (in part),		300.00
Oct.	5.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,		12.00
Nov.	1.	Public library, amount from State,		30.00

Nov.	11.	Mary F. Coburn, State pension,	\$ 36.00
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, State tax, 1921,	4,140.47
	1.	County Treasurer, balance county tax,	1,016.32
1922			
Jan.	3.	Mary F. Coburn, State pension,	12.00
	4.	Julia E. Strout, State pension,	12.00
Feb.	11.	Orders cancelled,	58,172.62
	14.	Cash in treasury,	2,718.37
Total credits,			<hr/> \$66,579.78

VERDURINA LUDDEN,
Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO RETURNS MADE
TO THIS OFFICE TO FEB. 14, 1922.

MARRIAGES

1921

- Feb. 27—Abner Stickney (Carthage) and Ellen Webster.
March 12—Elwin L. Woodman and Minnie L. Hildreth.
March 19—William Fred Ellis and Louise Sarah Tasker.
April 12—Wilfred Wilson Kimball and Augusta Freder-
icka Eustis.
April 21—Clifton H. Howard and Bertha White.
May 18—Chesley Roy McLeod and Margaret Eastman.
May 23—William M. Eastman and Myrtle R. Tyler.
May 25—Clarence E. Haines and Jennie Curneil.
May 27—Frank P. Murphy and Dora Emma Smith.
May 31—Fred W. White (Magalloway) and Margaret
Crawford (Magalloway).
June 7—Levander L. Mitchell and Myrtle L. Swan.
June 22—Vivian M. Morrison and Mildred Look.
June 26—George M. Bennett and Sadie Caughling Tapley.
June 27—Daniel Jarvis Howard and Pearl Edith Merrill.
August 30—John A. Dunton (Farmington) and Dorothy
M. Carville (Farmington).
October 1—Robert C. Easter (Peru) and Lelia M.
Farrar (Peru).
November 23—Harold M. Blaisdell and Mary Andrews.
December 22—Roger Orrin Beedy and Leah Maude
Colbath.

1922

- January 1—Ceylon E. Putman (Peru) and Evelyn C.
Miller (Peru).
January 4.—Robert Eugene Ames and Grace Olive
Coburn.

BIRTHS

1921

February 12—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Therriault, daughter.

February 14—To Mr. and Mrs. John T. Clemens, daughter.

March 10—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Coolidge, son.

March 11—To Mr. and Mrs. George Watson Brown, daughter.

March 15—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Andrews, daughter.

March 16—To Mr. and Mrs. Cony A. Masterman, daughter.

March 29—To Mr. and Mrs. John L. Arsenault, son.

March 21—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Merrill daughter.

May 13—To Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Bordeau, daughter.

June 15—To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Macomber, daughter.

June 27—To Mr. and Mrs. Roland J. Grover, son.

July 8—To Mr. and Mrs. Nathan B. Waite, son.

July 28—To Mr. and Mrs. Abner Stickney, son.

August 21—To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sturtevant, son.

September 4—To Mr. and Mrs. Alphonzo Whitman, daughter.

September 17—To Mr. and Mrs. John A. Robbins, son.

September 20—To Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Gile, daughter.

September 22—To Mr. and Mrs. Rodney E. Haines, daughter.

November 7—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Holman. son.

November 13—To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver T. Porter, son.

1922

February 3—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Smith, daughter.

DEATHS

1921

January 17—Albert M. Holman, age 67 yrs. 4 mos. 12 days.

April 5—Eleanor Mae Brown, age, 25 days.

April 25—Laforest L. Wait, age, 59 yrs. 4 mos. 18 days.

May 19—Jane F. Holman, age, 78 yrs. 11 mos. 21 days.

May 21—Leroy R. Hall, age, 75 years 11 mos.

June 9—Gerald A. Hall, age, 14 yrs. 22 days.

July 7—Simeon W. Morse, age, 72 yrs. 7 mos. 4 days.

August 28—Andrew D. White, age, 67 yrs. 9 mos. 7 days.
 September 7—Evelyn T. Weld, age, 59 yrs. 4 mos. 26 days.
 November 14—Philetus W. Torrey, age, 72 yrs. 5 mos.
 December 24—Frank Hodsdon, age 77 yrs. 3 mos. 21 days.
 December 28—Anson E. Blaisdell, age, 72 yrs. 11 mos.
 1 day.

1922

February 2—Charles H. Eustis, age 52 yrs. 2 mos. 29 days.

DOGS LICENSED BY CLERK AFTER APRIL 1, 1921

65 males

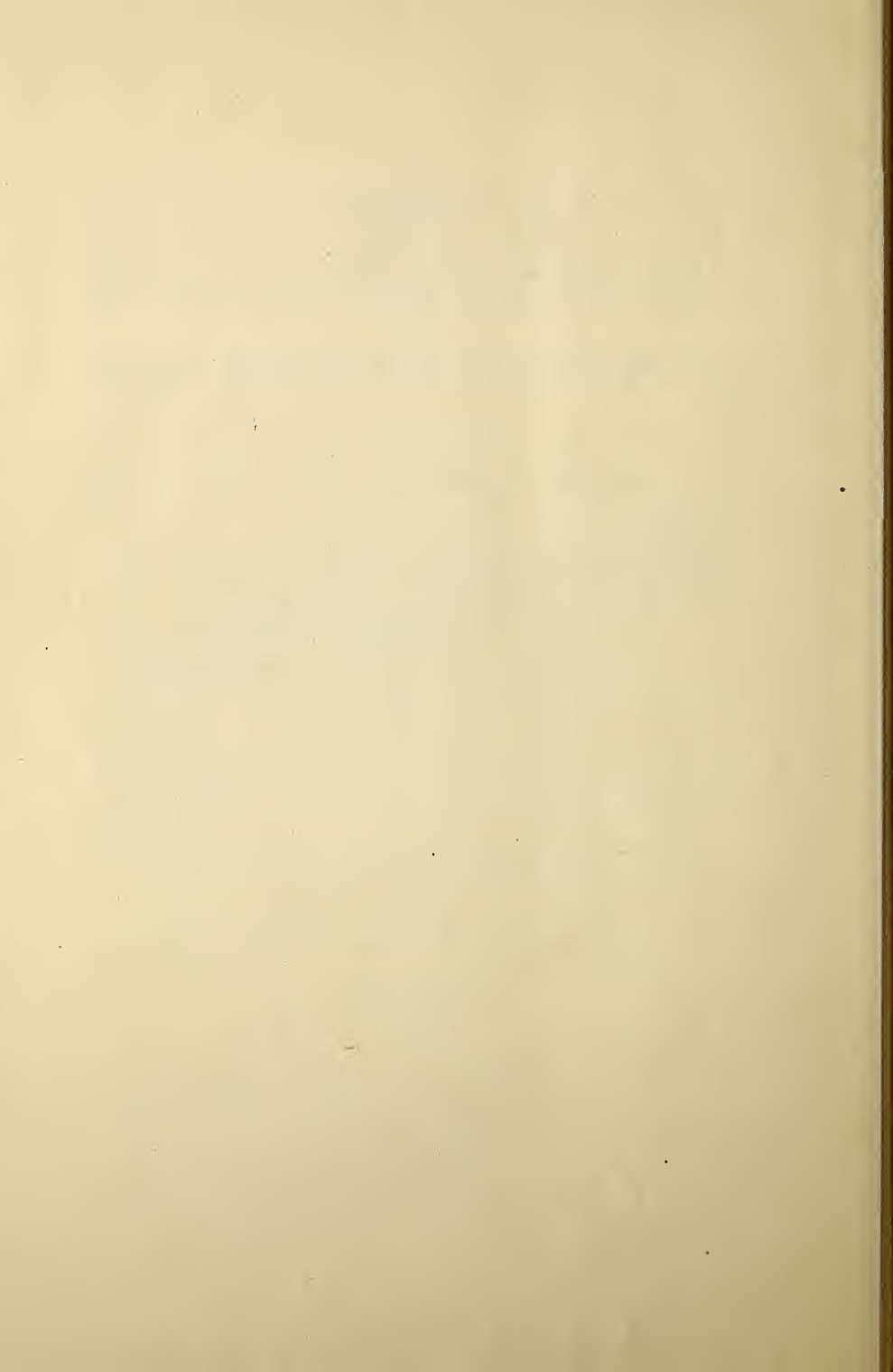
7 females

18 sp'd females

Killed or otherwise disposed of 2 males, 1 female

BURTON K. MURDOCK

Town Clerk.



Report of School Committee

To the Voters of Dixfield:

During the past year we have schooled more children and spent more money on our schools than ever before. We anticipated the situation, and, at our Annual Meeting last year, ample money was appropriated so that we have encountered no obstacles and the expansion was taken care of very nicely.

The conditions in the High School with the extra teacher are on the whole we think, satisfactory. The re-organizing entailed more or less extra work for the Superintendent and teachers and we feel that we are justified in saying that the standing of our High School has been raised materially.

Our grade rooms at the Central School are well filled and we think that progress in the grades is fully normal and more, if anything.

Our rural schools are holding their own in size and standing, and, in our judgment, the policy of improving the surroundings for our scholars in the rural schools which we have been pursuing during the last few years should be followed. What we can do in the line of making the school buildings more pleasant and convenient we feel should be done. We *must*, according to recently enacted laws, improve the sanitary conditions in some of them before the fall of 1924.

We would call your attention to the fact that we have a very substantial total balance on our school accounts; a thing that seldom happens and a thing which indicates perhaps that the cost of our schools has reached its peak or perhaps, we may say, a new level. Of course this situation should come in school affairs as well as in other lines.

Our recommendations for appropriations are included in the Budget Committee's Report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. STETSON,

D. W. HARVEY,

A. N. STOWELL,

Superintending School Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR 1922

DIXFIELD, MAINE, Feb. 15, 1922.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Dixfield:

The Budget Committee after careful consideration makes the following recommendations:

On the article to raise \$500.00 for the repair of certain highway beyond East Dixfield, decided not to recommend or disapprove, advise that it be discussed and decided in open town meeting.

The same decision was made in regard to building the road from High Street to Weld Street.

The committee recommends that the article regarding a ninth grade in the Severy Hill School be left in the hands of the School Committee.

The committee recommends that the salaries of the Selectmen be changed so that the Chairman receives \$200.00 (the same as now), second—\$75.00, third—\$50.00, this being nearer in proportion to the amount of service rendered the town.

The following is a list of the Appropriations for various purposes for 1922 and 1923 as recommended by the Budget Committee:

Common schools,	\$5,300.00
Books and supplies,	600.00
Repair of schoolhouses,	400.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Incidental office expenses,	65.00
Superintendent of schools,	480.00
Laboratory,	50.00
Insurance and lights,	275.00
School library,	90.00
Interest on time orders,	475.00
Municipal Officers' salaries,	1,000.00
Hydrant rental,	300.00
Support of poor,	400.00
Repair roads and bridges,	5,200.00
Interest on Cemetery funds,	66.00
Miscellaneous Town charges,	250.00
Memorial Day, Lyman K. Swasey Post,	100.00
Free High School,	2,600.00
State Aid road,	533.00

Street lights at East Dixfield,	\$ 85.00
Support of Public Library,	300.00
Support of And. River Bridge,	300.00
Schoolhouse flag,	10.97
Dixfield & Peru Ferry,	225.00
Payment on Town debt,	1,000.00
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	\$20,149.97

It will be noted that while some of the appropriations recommended are less than last year, the aggregate is about \$1,100 more. This is due to the fact that last year no appropriations were made for the town debt, the support of the Peru Ferry, or the Androscoggin River Bridge. These were paid from the Unappropriated Fund Account, as was also the cost of the new school room in the Central Building.

For this reason it is necessary this year to include these items in our Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. STETSON,
D. A. GATES,
J. S. HARLOW,
W. W. WAITE,
C. L. DILLINGHAM,
C. L. AVERILL,
S. G. WHEELWRIGHT,
ALTON BROWN,
N. S. STOWELL,
D. W. HARVEY,
H. W. COBURN,
A. N. STOWELL,

Committee.



Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Dixfield:

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition of your schools.

School administration has not been such a difficult problem as it was a year ago. The teacher shortage has been relieved to a great extent by the return to the profession of many teachers who were engaged in war work, also by the fact that increased salaries in Maine have retained in the State a large number of trained teachers who were teaching or had planned to teach in another State. The people are beginning to realize the value of the trained teacher and it will not be a great many years before one will be found in every school. We are gradually outgrowing the habit of employing the good teacher in the villages and the inexperienced and untrained teacher in the small rural schools, and this, to my mind, is one of the best proofs of educational advancement in the last few years, for the child in the rural district is certainly entitled to receive just as good instruction as the child in the larger communities.

I am pleased to report that the elementary schools are under the instruction of teachers who have had previous experience and that all but one are Normal School graduates.

Our salary schedule is on a par with that of neighboring Towns and enables us to retain the services of excellent teachers. The average yearly salary for the present year is \$766.08 while the average for the State is \$727.29.

The re-opening of schools after the summer vacation found four teachers back in their old positions, Miss Bryant, Miss Chaney, and Miss Russell in the Central building, and Mrs. Cameron in the Paul school. Miss Mildred Kempton of Phillips was secured for the 3rd and 4th grade room, Miss Janice Wilkins of Farmington for the Dixfield Common school and Miss Charlotte Beane of Skowhegan for Severy

Hill. The work of these new teachers has been very satisfactory in all departments.

ATTENDANCE

The school census taken last April gave 334 persons between the ages of 5 and 21, an increase of 13 over last year and of this number 240 are attending some school or College.

The percentage of attendance again shows an increase over the previous year, it being 89.7% as against 85.5% in the last Report. These figures are very gratifying and it is to be hoped that this good average can be maintained, at least. The school with the best record of attendance is the 5th and 6th grade room with an average of 92.06% with the Dixfield Common school a close second with 92.03%.

Beginning with the present school year attendance means a money value to the Town. Under the new law for the distribution of the State school fund, 1/5 of this fund, or approximately \$370,000.00 is apportioned on the basis of attendance of both elementary and secondary school pupils. By this method of distribution each day's attendance of a pupil means nearly two cents to the Town. This does not sound large but it means that if a pupil is present every day for the year, the Town would receive practically \$3.50 for that pupil's attendance. This should prove a further incentive for every parent to see that their children attend school very day unless absolutely prevented by illness.

HIGH SCHOOL

One of the most satisfying aspects of educational improvement lies in the fact that there is a much larger attendance in High Schools throughout the country than ever before. When the next census is taken there is no doubt that the figures will show a marked increase in the number of High School graduates, now only 10% of our population.

There have been many changes in our High School during the past few years. Formerly it seemed to be the custom for a student to attend two or three years and then drop out, leaving a class of two or three to graduate. Happily this practice is coming to an end and last spring a class of 15 was graduated, the largest in the history of the school, and this spring the class will be nearly as large.

As was predicted last year, the High School opened this

fall, with the largest enrollment since it was established, 82, the entering class numbering 32. It was impossible to take care of this large number in two rooms and as soon as possible after school opened a third room was finished off, which is occupied by the Sophomore class. This relieved the congestion at once and will take care of the situation for this year and next, but the Fall of 1923 will bring the necessity of furnishing a fourth room, unless there is a marked falling off of registration in the grades, and this not at all likely.

For the first time in the history of the school we have three teachers. This has enabled us to establish a satisfactory course of study, one that will meet the requirements of any student, whether he wishes to enter College for a Degree of A. B. or B. S. or wishes to take a general English course.

We have three very capable teachers in the High School. Mr. Fowler has proved to be an excellent Principal and he has been most ably assisted in the reorganization and administration of the School by Miss Gile and Miss Beal, both of whom are teachers of experience and ability. I am very much pleased to report improvement in every line of High School work, and that the School is a credit to the students, to the teachers and to the community.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School work in the Grade rooms in the Central building, has moved along very smoothly. Each room is in charge of a trained and experienced teacher and the best of results are being obtained.

The registration in these rooms is 133, only one more than reported last year. In the Primary room there are 43 little folks. This large number makes the work for Miss Russell very hard, as she has three grades to handle. We need a room somewhere for a Kindergarten, where the youngest children can be fitted to do first grade work. A teacher under half time would be able to do this work satisfactorily, and it would tend to greatly increase the efficiency of the Village school system.

At the Paul school Mrs. Cameron is continuing her usual good work, with two more scholars than were registered last year. It is to be regretted that every rural school cannot have a teacher of her ability.

The Dixfield Common school is not so large as last year, 18 being registered. This school is in charge of Miss Wilkins, a graduate of Farmington Normal School with two years' previous experience. This teacher is an enthusiastic and conscientious worker and under her direction the school is showing much needed improvement.

Miss Beane is meeting with good success in her school at Severy Hill. There is an excellent community spirit in this district, the people, teacher and pupils working together in perfect harmony, and under these conditions we can expect nothing but good results.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Considerable work has been done on the school buildings during the year. The Central building has received a coat of paint on the outside. The inside halls have been whitened overhead and the walls tinted, thus giving the whole building a much better appearance.

At the Severy Hill school the school room has been painted, blackboards renovated and the seats repaired and varnished.

This school building is in very good repair, the principal need now being outside painting and the intention is to do this work the coming summer.

Practically the same work has been done at the Paul school and the building is now in good repair on the inside.

Outside painting is necessary here and will be done during the year. This building's greatest need is more wood room and suitable toilet conditions. At the present time one of the entrances is used for wood. There should be a combined wood-shed and toilet, opening from the school-room, thus obviating the necessity of going out of the room in inclement weather. This work must be done soon, as under a law passed at the last legislature all school buildings must be equipped with sanitary toilets before the fall of 1924.

Quite a large number of text-books will be necessary for the coming year in both High School and grades. The 8th grade will need new Arithmetics and Maine Histories. The lower grades also will need new Arithmetics and some supplementary reading material. The intermediate grades need a new text in Hygiene. Of course the larger classes entering the High School necessitate many more books and it is the intention to furnish new, up-to-date texts where any extensive replacements are necessary.

FINANCES

The total receipts of the school department during the year have been \$17,167.21 and the disbursements \$15,600.97, leaving a balance of \$1,566.24, with no accounts overdrawn. The new room at the Central building was financed by the Selectmen without the necessity of hiring any money. The extra expense of maintaining the High School was more than offset by increasing the tuition charge at the beginning of the Fall term. We have received over \$1,000.00 for tuition and next year this amount will be increased to about \$1,500.00.

The large balance in the common school account was caused by not having to purchase as much fuel for the Central building as was estimated, and by receiving about \$300.00 more from State funds than was expected.

The estimates for next year as approved by the Budget Committee have been gone over very carefully, and, although considerably less than last year, should prove sufficiently large to meet all expenses unless something unforeseen takes place.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to thank the teachers of all the schools for their ready co-operation in the administration of school affairs and their willingness to adopt any suggestions for improvement that might be offered.

I also wish to express my appreciation for the great interest shown by the members of the Committee in all matters pertaining to the schools, and for the assistance they have given me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN,

Superintendent.

Tabular Elementary School Statement

SCHOOL	Number Registered	Average Attendance	TEACHER	Weekly Salary
Winter, 1921				
Grade 7 and 8	35	30.85	Wilma S. Bryant	\$22 00
Grade 5 and 6	28	26.04	Ruth F. Chaney	22 00
Grade 3 and 4	27	24.28	Dorothea Carville	22 00
Grade 1 and 2	42	36.54	Mary E. Russell	23 00
Common	20	17.45	Mary Weld	16 50
Paul	12	10.36	Effie Cameron	18 00
Severy Hill	9	5.68	Mary A. Murray	17 00
	<hr/> 173	<hr/> 151.23		
Attendance, 87.4 per cent.				
Spring, 1921				
Grade 7 and 8	33	30.48		
Grade 5 and 6	27	25.76		
Grade 3 and 4	28	25.25		
Grade 1 and 2	41	37.86		
Common	22	20.66	Teachers and salaries	
Paul	13	12.32	same as above	
Severy Hill	13	10.71		
	<hr/> 177	<hr/> 163.04		
Attendance, 92.2 per cent.				
Fall, 1921				
Grade 7 and 8	37	33.80	Wilma S. Bryant	\$23 00
Grade 5 and 6	28	24.61	Ruth F. Chaney	24 00
Grade 3 and 4	25	22.98	Mildred Kempton	23 00
Grade 1 and 2	43	36.87	Mary E. Russell	25 00
Common	18	17.11	Janice Wilkins	20 00
Paul	14	12.23	Effie Cameron	18 00
Severy Hill	14	13.00	Charlotte E. Beane	16 00
	<hr/> 179	<hr/> 160.60		
Attendance, 89.7 per cent.				

Report of Principal of High School

To Superintendent H. W. Coburn:

When I entered upon my duties as Principal of the High School, I found a student body of eighty-two. It was rather hard to get them suited to a suitable course of study, because of having taken a mixed course in past years. This was finally accomplished, through the efficient help of the other two teachers, Miss Beal and Miss Gile, and we entered upon the regular curriculum. I wish to state that the studies have been slightly changed this year. The Freshmen are taking a new course in mathematics, comprising business arithmetic, a brief review of eighth grade work; the fundamentals of Algebra, and the elements of Plane Geometry. The Juniors and Seniors are taking a new course in Modern European History. More than half of the Freshman class are taking Latin.

Although the standard in scholarship is not what it should be, the monthly report cards have shown a steady improvement. It is the purpose of the school officials to raise this standard so that an application may be made to the New England Board of Education, for the placing of our school on the approved list. This will mean the maintaining of not only a class A school, but the standard of such a school in scholarship.

We can get this and keep it, only by active co-operation from the parents. Home study seems to be a lost art now. If the parents would see to it that their boys and girls of High school age, did two hours of home study every day, or five out of the seven in a week, there would be far less failures in our schools. It has been the task of the High School teachers this year to get results from their efforts. I attribute this, largely, to the lack of home study and too many outside influences. The parents have shown a marked increase of interest of late, and it is hoped they will continue to do so.

The average attendance has been less this winter term than during the fall term. Doubtless this is due to the

bad traveling conditions, since a large number of the boys and girls live some distance from the school. We have been fortunate thus far, in not having any sickness interfere seriously with the progress of our school. We may help to prevent it for the year, by seeing that the boys and girls are kept "fit".

The equipment of the High School is very good and I wish to thank the citizens of Dixfield for being so generous as to books and laboratory equipment. Some time ago the High School received, as a gift, from Mr. Wilfred Torrey, about thirty dollars' worth of chemicals. This was very kind and thoughtful of Mr. Torrey, and, in behalf of the High School, I wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks. The set of pan balances, especially, has been very helpful.

We lack a suitable place in the school building for recreation, especially for the boys. This is a matter which, I hope, can be settled in the future. There is a room that seems to be of no use as a recitation room, that could be made into a very satisfactory library and thus do away with the necessity of using the Superintendent's office for this purpose. Our library can be improved to a great extent, as we particularly need reference books. The School would appreciate any books which any citizen might see fit to give for the library.

Athletics are of interest to everybody and we hope to boost them a little in the High School this spring. The outlook is bright for a fast baseball team and I am sure the boys profited by their experience in track work last fall. It would be a fine thing if a cinder track could be made on the Athletic Field.

The Debating Team is improving every day and we plan to debate Buckfield and Canton, on March 10, as last year. Debating is, undoubtedly, the best method of inspiring confidence and initiative in boys and girls and that is the prime purpose of holding these debates. We hope to see a large attendance and also hope to give a good argument. The question, this year, is in regard to Government ownership and operation of the coal mines, in the United States. We are all interested in coal.

In closing, I wish to thank, most sincerely, the citizens of Dixfield for the treatment received, while in their midst. I have met a great many people and all have been most cordial and pleasant. My work has been lessened a good

deal by the able assistance from the other High School teachers, Miss Carrie Gile and Miss Genesta Beal. They are teachers of experience and are thoroughly capable. I have only words of highest praise for both of them. Mr. Coburn has been very kind and helpful, as well as the School Board. You have my hearty thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. FOWLER,

Principal of High School.

COMMON SCHOOLS

RECEIPTS

Balance, 1920-21,	\$ 433.74
Appropriation,	6,000.00
Permanent fund,	45.00
State, School and Mill fund,	841.11
Common school fund,	1,283.90
Equalization fund,	144.00
Tuition, Town of Mexico,	512.89
B. A. Smith,	8.70
Herbert Wood,	7.40
Alfred Richardson,	6.80
Available,	<u>\$9,283.54</u>

EXPENDITURES

Distribution 1921 equalization fund,	\$ 400.00
Teachers' salaries,	5,172.00
Fuel,	418.32
Janitor work,	612.57
Transportation,	959.00
Tuition,	475.26
Board of pupils,	250.00
	<u>\$8,264.65</u>
Unexpended,	<u>\$1,018.89</u>

HIGH SCHOOL

RECEIPTS

Appropriation,	\$2,600.00
State,	500.00

Tuition, Town of Peru,	\$ 785.00	
Town of Carthage,	50.00	
W. M. White,	30.00	
Amasa Harlow,	23.75	
L. M. Newman,	15.00	
Isaac Searles,	15.00	
Vivian Horne,	6.25	
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Available,		\$4,025.00

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' salaries,	\$3,405.10	
Fuel,	104.07	
Janitor,	291.43	
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		\$3,800.60
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Unexpended,		\$224.40

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

RECEIPTS

Balance, 1920-21,	\$ 25.45	
Appropriation,	550.00	
Sale of supplies, etc.,	214.18	
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Available,		\$789.63
Expenditures,		\$787.16
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Unexpended,		\$2.47

REPAIRS

RECEIPTS

Balance, 1920-21,	\$198.81	
Appropriation,	700.00	
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Available,		\$898.81

EXPENDITURES

Repairs at Central,	\$245.76	
Common,	14.52	
Paul,	99.47	
Severy Hill,	81.44	
Outside painting, Central,	158.00	

Inside painting, Central,	\$ 48.00	
Paint,	100.75	
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Unexpended,		\$150.87

INSURANCE AND LIGHTS

RECEIPTS

Balance, 1920-21,	\$.34	
Appropriation,	185.00	
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Available,		\$185.34

EXPENDITURES

Insurance,	\$126.00	
Lights,	39.44	
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Unexpended,		\$19.90

SUPERINTENDENCE

RECEIPTS

Balance, 1920-21,	\$ 3.32	
Appropriation,	530.00	
State equalization fund,	100.00	
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Available,		\$633.32

EXPENDITURES

H. W. Coburn,	\$580.00	
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Unexpended,		\$53.32

LABORATORY

RECEIPTS

Balance, 1920-21,	\$ 1.56	
Appropriation,	125.00	
Laboratory fees,	25.50	
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Available,		\$152.06
Expenditures,		99.16
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Unexpended,		\$52.90

LIBRARY
RECEIPTS

Balance, 1920-21,	\$13.62
Appropriation,	90.00
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Available,	\$103.62
Expenditures,	62.06
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Unexpended,	\$41.56

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation,	\$45.00
EXPENDITURES	
Cylinder for typewriter,	\$ 2.50
Holt Brothers, printing,	18.28
Rent of Farmers' Telephone,	4.00
School forms,	6.21
Postage, telephone, etc.,	12.08
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	\$43.07
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Unexpended,	\$1.93

NEW HIGH SCHOOL ROOM
EXPENDITURES

Students desks,	\$266.00
Teachers desk, chair, waste basket, etc.,	55.75
Blackboards, and freight on same,	81.23
Radiators, installed,	146.01
Electric wiring and fixtures,	31.33
Lumber, windows, freight, etc.,	358.81
Supplies, nails, etc.,	18.81
Labor,	92.95
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	\$1,050.89
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From unappropriated funds account,	\$1,050.89

E. M. D.
Dixfield,
Me.

Mrs Bert. D. Caridge

Dixfield

R. F. D. No 1

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Mary E Coolidge

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- Art. 8. To choose all other Town Officers for the ensuing year.
- Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on all taxes not paid before a specified time.
- Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts this year.
- Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase books and supplies, to repair schoolhouses, permanent school fund for incidental office expenses, for Superintendent of Schools, for laboratory, for insurance and lights, for school library, to pay outstanding time orders, to pay interest on outstanding orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, Sewer Inspector, to pay hydrant rental, public library, support of poor.
- Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairs of roads and bridges in the summer.
- Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairs of roads and bridges in the winter, to pay interest on cemetery funds for the Dixfield Fire Co., observance of Memorial Day, miscellaneous town charges and to defray all other town charges.
- Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairing the streets in Dixfield West Village or act in any way in relation thereto.

- Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Dixfield and Peru Ferry so called, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to build a Receiving Tomb and what sum of money, if any, they will vote to raise for same.
- Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to continue Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the Town will raise for support of same.
- Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriation and raising money necessary to entitle the Town to State Aid as provided in Section 20, Chapter 130, of the Public Laws of 1913.
- Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to install three additional electric street lights at East Village and how much money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for same.
- Art. 20. To act on a resolution requesting legislation: (1) to fix the maximum price at which coal may be sold in any congressional district or part thereof; (2) to provide for prior sales and shipments to consumers and to retailers of coal.
- Art. 21. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 to build State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges: the above amount being the maximum amount which the Town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19, Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

- Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to hire such sum of money as may be necessary to defray the running expenses of the Town until the taxes can be collected, or act in any way in relation thereto.
- Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of State Aid road.
- Art. 24. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for street lights at East Village.
- Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Dixfield and Peru ferry.
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will have and elect a Budget Committee for the ensuing year, that shall consist of 9 members and whose duty it shall be to ascertain the amounts of money that shall be necessary to vote to raise for the Town to properly carry on its business. Said Budget Committee's finding to be presented to the town at the annual meeting for action thereon.
- Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn district.
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill district.
- Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Towle district.
- Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to continue the school in the Paul district.

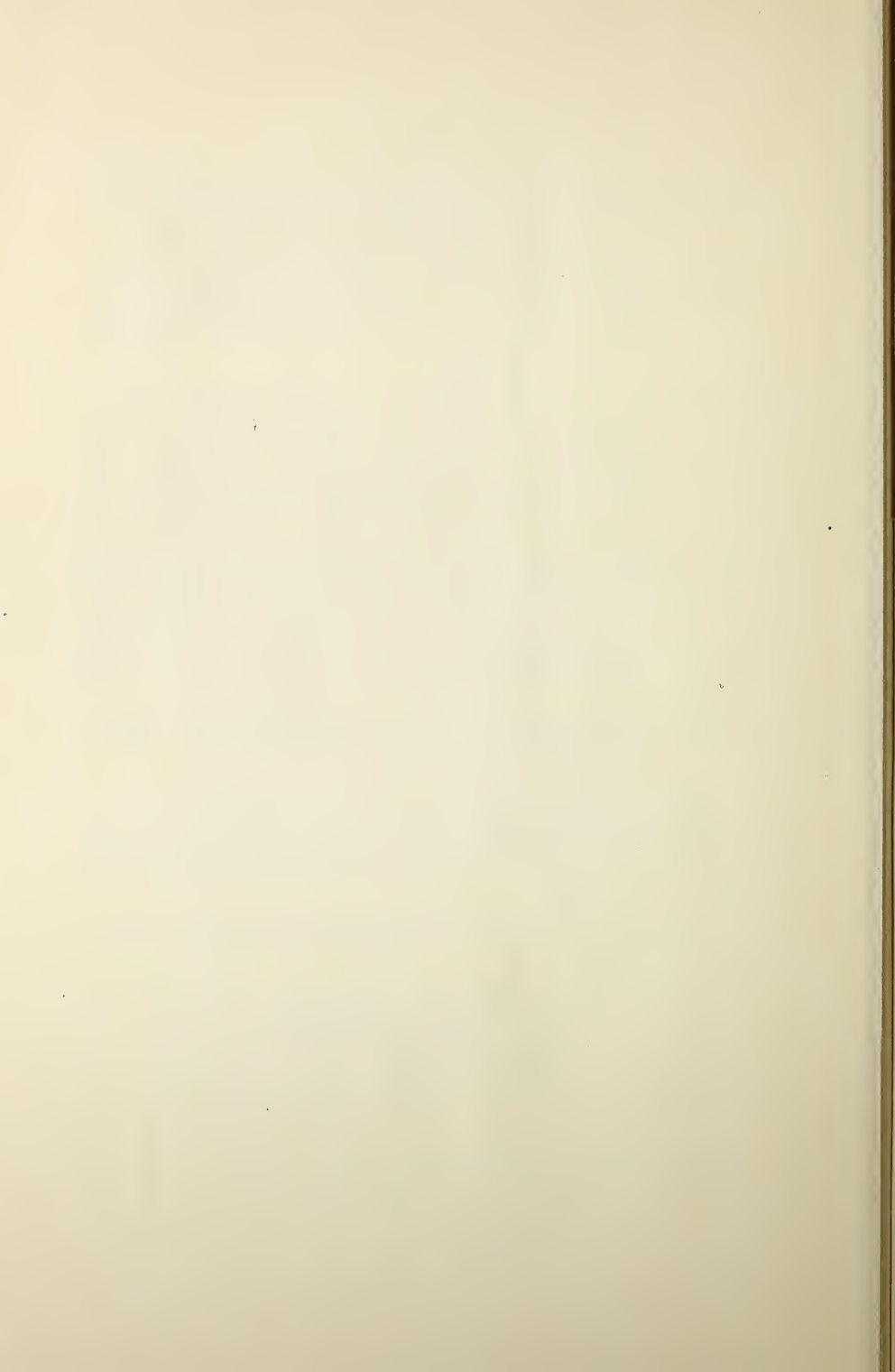
- Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to install a storm drain to carry away surface water from the vicinity of the old fair ground building, so called, on Weld St. and discharge into the small brook easterly from Harlow Park, or act in any way in relation thereto. and what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise for same.
- Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to extend the sewer in Dixfield Village along Weld Street from the point where it now ends, nearly opposite the residence of Parker Cooper, to the house of Will Babb, or any part of the same. Also to build a sewer along the street known as "Park Avenue" to connect with said sewer on Weld Street. Also to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise by loan or otherwise to build said sewers or act in any way in relation thereto.
- Art. 33. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield this 14th day of February, A. D. 1923.

WILLIS W. WAITE,
C. L. DILLINGHAM,
C. L. AVERILL,

Selectmen of Dixfield.



SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year ending February 14, 1923.

Value of real estate, resident,	\$511,596.00
Value of real estate, non-resident,	66,950.00
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Total value of real estate,	\$578,546.00
Value of personal estate, resident,	\$209,509.00
Value of personal estate, non-resident,	7,200.00
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	\$216,709.00
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• Total Valuation,	\$795,255.00
Total value of land,	\$193,490.00
Total value of buildings,	385,056.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For Common Schools,	\$5,500.00
Books and supplies,	600.00
Repairs of school houses,	400.00
Permanent school fund,	45.00
Incidental office expenses,	65.00
Superintendent of schools,	480.00
Laboratory,	50.00
Insurance and lights,	275.00
School library,	90.00
Interest on time orders,	475.00
Municipal officers' salaries,	1,000.00
Hydrant rental,	300.00
Support of poor,	400.00
Repair of roads and bridges,	5,500.00

For Interest on cemetery funds,	\$ 66.00
Miscellaneous town charges,	250.00
Memorial Day, L. R. Swasey Post Am. Legion,	100.00
Time orders,	1,000.00
Public Library,	300.00
Class "A" Free High School,	2,600.00
State Aid Road,	533.00
Street lights at East Dixfield,	85.00
Maintenance of Peru Ferry,	225.00
Road from Stone Bridge to S. G. Wheelwright's,	500.00
Road between Weld and High Streets,	400.00
Flag at Dixfield high school building,	10.97
Safe cabinet,	260.00
State tax,	4,516.56
County tax,	1,316.32
Overlay	847.82
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	\$28,190.67
Supplementary tax,	34.96
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Total commitment,	\$28,225.63
Number of polls taxed, 384.	
Number of polls not taxed, 19.	
Rate of poll tax, 3.00.	
Rate of property tax, \$.034.	
Amount of poll tax,	\$ 1,152.00
Amount of property tax,	27,038.67
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	\$28,190.67

LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses and mules,	226	\$66.54	\$15,040.00
Cattle 3 to 4 years old,	1	75.00	75.00
Cattle 2 to 3 years old,	2	35.00	70.00
Cattle under 2 years old,	1	25.00	25.00
Cows,	430	36.55	15,715.00

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Oxen,	4	62.50	\$ 250.00
Two years old,	95	22.42	2,130.00
Sheep, (over 35 in number),	15	4.00	60.00
Three years old,	91	30.50	2,775.00
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			\$36,140.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

One year olds,	90	15.05	\$1,355.00
Sheep to 35 in number,	177	4.00	708.00
Swine to 10 in number,	92	7.82	720.00
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			\$2,783.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade,	\$37,950.00
Small boats,	300.00
Lumber,	37,225.00
Automobiles,	55,094.00
Musical instruments,	13,200.00
Finished products in mills,	29,800.00
Materials in stock,	3,000.00
Portable mills,	1,000.00
Other property,	3,000.00
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	\$180,569.00
Amount of live stock brought forward,	36,140.00
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Total amount personal property, \$216,709.00

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

By balance of old account,	\$ 123.95
Appropriation,	1,000.00
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	\$1,123.95
By transferred from unappropriated funds,	69.17
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	\$1,193.12

ORDERS DRAWN

C. L. Averill, (selectman, 1921),	\$60.00
B. K. Murdock, (town clerk),	17.67
M. T. Judkins, (ballot clerk),	6.00
Arthur Brown, (ballot clerk),	6.00
A. N. Stowell, (ballot clerk),	6.00
Charles Elliott, (ballot clerk),	6.00
Albion Holman, (ballot clerk),	3.00
Mrs. Albion Holman, (ballot clerk),	3.00
Mrs. S. G. Wheelwright, (ballot clerk),	3.00
Almon Coolidge, (ballot clerk),	3.00
Edith Butterfield, (clerk),	5.00
C. H. Ames, (Sewer inspector),	10.00
A. N. Stowell, (school board),	10.00
D. N. Harvey, (school board),	10.00
E. L. Stetson, (school board),	10.00
J. P. Edmunds, (constable),	15.00
J. P. Edmunds, (dog constable),	10.00
J. P. Edmunds, (collector),	559.45
Verdurina Ludden, (treasurer),	75.00
Melissa Brackett, (town clerk),	5.00
W. W. Waite, (selectman),	200.00
C. L. Dillingham, (selectman),	60.00
C. L. Averill, (selectman),	60.00
W. W. Waite, (road commissioner),	50.00

\$1,193.12

SEWER REPAIRS

Orders drawn.

I. A. Macomber,	\$ 5.25
W. O. Babb,	13.98
Clark Foundry Co.,	20.09
Ralph Williams,	2.00
A. D. Wentworth,	10.00
J. Littlefield,	4.50

John Steele,	\$ 6.25
Hayden Childs,	29.64
Everett Foster,	2.30
Clark Foundry Co.,	37.73
Glendon Babb,	35.49
W. O. Babb,	113.08
H. B. Marsh,	3.50
E. Woodman,	1.50
A. E. Small & Son,	5.50
Merle Hodge,	3.00
C. A. Lane & Co.,	10.00
C. H. Towle,	7.47
C. H. Towle,	25.30
J. W. Dunham,	4.90
J. M. Dayn & Co.,	3.05
J. M. Steele,	21.00
W. M. Kidder,	.98
Henry Nelson,	30.00

\$396.51

By balance old account,	\$442.57
Rec'd from E. P. Judkins,	\$25.00
F. H. Childs,	25.00
E. L. Taylor,	25.00
W. I. Heckman,	25.00
Marcella Dunsmoor,	25.00
W. O. Babb,	25.00
Mt. Sugar Loaf Grange,	25.00
Charles Haines,	25.00

\$642.57

Amount Orders drawn

\$396.51

Unexpended balance,

\$246.06

HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation,	300.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation,	\$300.00
Paid W. M. Pease, M. D., Trustee,	300.00
Deposited in Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls Trust Co., June 30, 1917, the interest to be used for the benefit of the G. A. R.,	\$100.00
Deposited April 26, 1921,	50.00
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	\$150.00

MEMORIAL DAY FUND

Appropriation,	\$100.00
Paid Dixfield Band,	65.00
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Unexpended balance	\$35.00

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

By Appropriation,	\$250.00
By Rec'd from State,	235.00
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	\$485.00
Paid Knowlton McLeary Co.,	\$100.00
Loring, Short & Harmon,	17.90
M. M. Holland, envelopes	10.00
B. K. Murdock,	13.35
Gorden Bros., lumber,	10.89
Albion Holman, labor on booths,	5.91
Everett Foster,	1.04
M. L. Walton, damage to sheep by dogs,	150.00
Purington & Woodman, dam. to sh. by dogs,	22.50
A. N. Stowell, dam. to sheep by dogs,	16.50
Percy Wilber, dam. to sheep by dogs,	30.00

W. C. Hall, dam. to sheep by dogs,	\$16.50	
G. O. Gardner,	25.50	
T. B. Newell, night watchman, July 4th	3.00	
F. M. Marshall, night watchman, July 4th	3.00	
W. W. Waite, tel. exp. and post.,	4.35	
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D., births and deaths	2.75	
J. M. Sturtevant, M. D., births and deaths,	3.75	
A. Whitman, watering tub	3.00	
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		\$440.90

Unexpended balance,	\$44.10
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STREET LIGHTS AT EAST VILLAGE

Balance, old account,	\$ 8.32	
Appropriation,	85.00	
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		\$93.32
Paid Livermore Falls Light and Power Co.	\$75.00	
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Unexpended Balance	\$18.32	

CEMETERY FUNDS HELD IN TRUST—\$1,650.00

EUSTIS FUND—\$500.00

Bal. old account	\$87.63	
Appropriation,	20.00	
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		\$107.63
Orders drawn,	10.50	
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Unexpended balance,	\$97.13	

ROSANNA CUMMINGS FUND—\$50.00

Balance old account,	\$43.00	
Appropriation one year's interest	2.00	
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		\$45.00
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Unexpended balance,	\$45.00	

RIVERSIDE FUND—\$1,000.00

Appropriation, one year's int.,	\$40.00
Paid J. M. Holland	40.00

GLINES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland	2.00

KNOWLES FUND—\$50.00

Appropriation, one year's interest,	\$2.00
Paid J. M. Holland	2.00

W. E. PUTNAM FUND HELD IN TRUST—\$200.00

Deposited in Dixfield Branch of Rumford Falls
Trust Co., March 27, 1920.

HELEN L. POWERS FUND—\$300.00

Deposited in Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls
Trust Co., March 17, 1922.

GREENWOOD CEMETERY

By balance old account	\$467.80
Geo. R. Easter	30.00
W. E. Howard,	30.00
W. E. Tyler,	25.00
H. H. Skolfield,	25.00
Olie Paine and Carrie Fogg	50.00
A. G. Morse,	30.00
Mrs. Minnie Morse,	4.00
Mrs. Ena E. Davenport,	30.00
A. W. Burgess, grass	2.00
Errold Ellis,	25.00

\$718.80

Orders drawn,

S. A. Russell	\$3.50	
S. A. Russell	14.00	
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		\$17.50
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Unexpended balance,		\$701.30

DIXFIELD AND PERU FERRY

By appropriation,	\$225.00	
Paid Town of Peru,	193.99	
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Unexpended balance		\$31.01

CABINET SAFE

By appropriation,	\$260.00	
By transferred from Unap. Fund	.30	
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		\$260.30
To Loring Short & Harmon,	\$260.30	

ADDIE LOVEJOY ACCOUNT

By received for rents	\$297.00	
Transferred from support of poor	17.28	
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		\$314.28
Orders drawn,		\$314.28

SUPPORT OF POOR

By Balance,	\$67.82	
Appropriation,	400.00	
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		\$467.82

Expenditures

Averill & Co. on acct. of A. E. Blaisdell	\$24.00
Ernest L. Powers, of A. E. Blaisdell	18.31

W. E. Wilder, of A. E. Blaisdell,	\$ 9.00
Mary E. Haines, tramps,	1.25
Emily Tainter, tramps,	1.00
Town of Mexico, F. Haines' Wife,	49.00
J. L. Howard, rent for F. Haines' Wife	20.00
Transferred from Addie Lovejoy acct.	17.28
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	\$139.84
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Unexpended Balance	\$327.98

TIME ORDERS DUE

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Paid C. L. Dillingham Order No. 39	1,000.00

INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS

Appropriation,	\$475.00
Transferred from unappropriated funds	152.94
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	\$627.94
Orders drawn,	627.94

OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

<i>Order No.</i>		
530	Nov. 16, 1907, G. P. Torrey,	\$ 300.00
102	June 5, 1908, McGregor Bros.,	1,140.00
142	June 29, 1908, E. E. Brown,	1,000.00
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		\$2,440.00
Issued on account of temporary loans authorized at special town meeting March 15, 1909.		
<i>Order No.</i>		
608	Apr. 1, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	\$500.00
689	Apr. 8, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
695	May 20, 1909, G. P. Torrey,	200.00
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		\$900.00

Issued on account of new schoolhouse.

Order No.

1422	Sept. 1, 1915, E. L. Torrey,	\$1,000.00	
1423	Aug. 31, 1916, G. P. Torrey,	450.00	
1468	Oct. 1, 1915, Verdurina Ludden,	500.00	
341	Jan. 13, 1917, J. P. Johnston,	1,500.00	
343	Jan. 13, 1917, Verdurina Ludden	1,500.00	
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			\$4,950.00

Issued on account of freeing Dixfield and Peru toll bridge

Order No.

38	Sept. 23, 1921, Geo. P. Stanley,	\$1,000.00	
40	Sept. 23, 1921, Mrs. R. A. Leavitt,	550.00	
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			\$2,550.00

Total outstanding loans,	<hr/>	\$9,840.00
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STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Patrolman's wages,	\$693.00	
Cost of extra help,	190.50	
Cost of material	49.80	
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		\$933.30
Transferred from unappropriated funds	\$357.90	
Paid by State,	575.40	
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		\$933.30

This entire amount paid through State Treasurer
State expended under the direction of

H. W. Beedy for resurfacing	\$216.50
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THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY—TOWLE HILL

By balance,	\$ 3.00	
Rec'd from State	700.00	
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		\$703.00

Orders Drawn

R. L. Douglass	\$50.00	
R. L. Douglass,	50.00	
J. S. Adams,	52.00	
J. O. Jordan,	3.00	
Chas. Fletcher	51.00	
Edward Williams,	12.00	
Douglass Bros.,	200.00	
Almon Coolidge,	45.00	
Harry Coolidge,	6.50	
W. A. Cox,	9.00	
Laforest Babcock,	3.00	
Averill & Cox,	13.00	
Lester Averill,	51.00	
A. M. Allen,	25.00	
C. L. Averill,	104.00	
		\$674.50
Unexpended balance	\$28.50	

STATE AID ROAD—VALLEY ROAD

By appropriation,	\$533.00	
Received from State,	435.94	
By transferred from unappropriated funds	76.81	
		\$1,045.75
John Wilson	\$25.00	
C. L. Averill	72.00	
E. B. Fuller,	54.00	
J. S. Adams,	110.50	
Thomas Gorden	21.00	
J. E. Wilson,	5.00	
Averill & Cox,	91.00	
Sam Cox,	24.00	
Richard Towle,	36.00	
O. T. Averill,	42.00	

Oleon Russell,	\$15.00
Nelson Palmer,	21.00
Lester Averill,	6.00
John Steele,	2.00
Florin Burhol,	46.50
Nelson Coolidge,	22.50
S. D. Rand,	29.50
Oleon Russell,	10.50
Nelson Palmer,	16.50
Leon Cox,	18.00
Averill & Cox,	36.00
Thomas Gorden	19.50
Henry Holman,	7.50
Florin Burhol,	16.50
J. S. Adams,	36.00
E. R. Fuller,	18.00
C. L. Averill,	24.00
Richard Towle,	15.00
Berger Mfg. Co.,	77.62
A. L. Coburn,	48.03
C. H. Towle,	73.60
Elroy Frances,	6.00

\$1,045.75

JOHN S. HARLOW PARK

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By Balance	\$ 10.84
By Note Rumford Falls Trust	
Dixfield Branch	1,500.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	29.50
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	74.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	35.95
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	40.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	48.00
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	70.35

Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	\$ 36.01
Received from Dixfield Athletic Asso.,	160.00
Received from W. W. Waite for lumber and wire	76.64

\$2,081.29

Orders Drawn

A. W. Burgess,	\$ 17.75
H. E. Childs,	24.00
Kenneth Hawkes,	25.50
M. C. R. R. Co., freight,	45.00
The Brown Co., lumber,	256.85
D. B. Hall,	10.00
Ellsworth Haines,	7.00
Kenneth Hawkes,	27.00
C. L. Emery,	12.00
Erlon Berry,	29.00
Geo. Rowe,	37.68
B. K. Murdock,	50.50
Kenneth Hawkes,	10.83
Erlon Berry,	15.75
Butts & Ordway Co., Hardware,	9.16
John A. Babb,	20.42
B. K. Murdock,	9.33
M. E. Horne,	63.55
Waite-Holt & Co., lumber,	202.77
A. L. Coburn, lumber,	157.06
M. C. R. R. Co., freight,	14.40
Kenneth Hawkes,	9.00
C. L. Emery,	22.10
Vivian Horne,	73.50
Alton Brown,	6.00
Victor Eastman,	2.25
D. D. Holman,	11.00
E. P. Judkins,	96.55
Erlon Berry,	31.50

W. M. Kidder,	\$ 59.46	
C. H. Towle,	113.00	
C. L. Emery,	3.00	
J. L. Hammett & Co., flags,	11.03	
A. M. Small,	9.00	
Erlon Berry,	4.50	
C. L. Dillingham,	8.80	
E. L. Stetson, insurance,	45.00	
K. K. Brackett,	10.89	
Rumford Falls, Tr. and Dixfield Br. interest,	36.01	
Rumford Falls, paid on note	400.00	
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		\$1,998.14
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Unexpended balance,		\$83.15

PAINTING WEBB RIVER BRIDGE

Painting and Repairing Webb River Bridge		
Oliver Porter,	\$27.69	
Merle Hodge,	28.08	
Claude Haines,	7.04	
Arthur Floyd,	3.50	
Geo. Whittemore,	3.50	
Harlan Childs,	6.00	
Oliver Porter,	20.47	
Merle Hodge,	17.50	
Erold Hodge,	12.57	
Geo. E. May,	92.81	
A. L. Coburn,	12.50	
C. H. Towle,	7.55	
J. H. Prince Paint Co., paint	45.00	
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		\$284.26
By Rec'd from Town of Mexico,	\$142.11	
Transferred from unappropriated funds,	142.15	
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		\$284.26

DIXFIELD AND PERU TOLL BRIDGE

By appropriation,	\$300.00
Rec'd from Town of Mexico,	154.86
Rec'd from Town of Peru,	154.86
Rec'd from Town of Mexico for lights	7.50
Rec'd from Town of Peru for lights,	7.50
By transferred from unappropriated funds	24.70

 \$649.42

Orders Drawn

Rumford Falls Light & Power Co., lights	\$30.00
Charles Lane,	29.00
Norman Hutchinson,	5.85
A. L. Coburn, plank,	378.11
Merle Hodge,	21.00
Roland Tainter,	19.83
Geo. Crockett,	3.50
Arthur Crockett,	3.00
Geo. E. May	40.00
Everett Foster,	4.58
James H. Prince Paint Co.,	114.55

 \$649.42

ROAD FROM WELD ST. TO HIGH ST.

By Appropriation,	\$400.00
Merle Hodge,	\$28.50
Myron Holman,	6.00
Claude Haines,	3.00
John E. Holman,	61.75
J. M. Steele,	55.25
J. S. Adams,	39.00
J. A. Putnam,	3.25
W. D. Littlefield,	5.34
A. D. Wentworth,	38.00
Edwin Woodman,	4.50

Laforest Judkins,	\$ 4.50	
Elmer E. Brown,	25.00	
C. H. Towle,	27.16	
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		\$301.25
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Unexpended Balance,		\$98.75

ROADS AND BRIDGES

By appropriation,		\$5,200.00
By appropriation to be expended from		
Tom Stone Bridge to S. G. Wheel-		
wrights,	\$500.00	
By State Treasurer 50-50	50.00	
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		\$5,750.00
By transferred from unappropriated funds		\$2.52
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		\$5,752.52

ORDERS DRAWN FOR SUMMER WORK

To balance, overdrawn 1921	\$88.94
Geo. Paine,	8.75
J. R. Dunning,	25.00
C. L. Dillingham,	30.00
J. S. Adams,	73.00
Albert Kilbreth,	12.50
Prince Beedy,	7.50
D. D. Holman, repairs,	17.45
Herbert Hannaford,	12.00
Walter Wright,	30.00
Averill & Cox,	40.00
Averill & Cox,	42.00
Ormsville Averill,	15.00
Almon Coolidge,	12.50
O. J. Coolidge,	36.00

Harry Coolidge,	\$ 36.00
C. L. Averill,	24.00
Edward Williams,	25.00
Laforest Babcock,	22.50
Charles Fletcher,	15.00
L. A. Simmons,	15.00
J. S. Adams,	39.00
W. E. Wright,	24.00
G. H. Swan	41.00
Edward Williams,	24.00
C. L. Averill,	56.00
Laforest Babcock,	22.50
Harry Coolidge,	58.00
John Tucker,	36.00
O. T. Averill,	30.00
O. J. Coolidge,	42.00
Almon Coolidge,	15.00
Clyde Wright,	15.00
C. H. Gile,	8.00
Averill & Cox,	91.00
Averill & Cox, plank	57.00
Frank Holman,	15.00
Charles Fletcher,	21.00
W. M. Andrews,	10.00
D. F. Newton,	3.28
E. W. Davenport,	21.50
Clarence Emery,	7.50
Duncan Hall,	4.50
J. S. Adams,	65.00
E. A. Curran,	27.00
Prince Beedy,	6.00
G. P. Torrey,	4.55
Roland Grover,	12.00
C. McCloud,	45.00
C. L. Emery,	13.50
S. D. Rand,	15.10

Floyd Rand,	\$ 6.00
L. M. Eustis,	15.00
Norman Fish,	7.00
C. L. Emery,	7.50
Celand Newell,	2.50
C. L. Dillingham,	13.00
Bertis Carlton,	8.00
Clyde Carlton,	3.00
Berchard Carlton,	5.00
Charles Catten,	6.00
Jos. Cumeil,	9.00
Fred Cox,	53.70
W. C. Porter,	9.50
A. D. Wentworth,	125.00
E. L. Torrey,	9.35
Mabra Packard,	3.00
Herbert Hannaford,	6.00
Joseph Hannaford,	3.00
John Putnam,	13.00
A. Whitman,	50.00
B. F. Thomas,	11.00
E. L. Cox,	17.50
Geo. Paine,	3.83
A. M. Small,	6.00
C. L. Emery,	6.00
Harlon Childs,	15.83
B. K. Murdock,	15.00
M. J. Hutchinson,	7.50
K. K. Brackett,	73.98
Frank Holman,	36.00
John Grover,	17.25
Roland Grover,	6.00
A. D. Wentworth,	50.00
A. Whitman,	49.60
Douglass Bros.	25.00
G. M. Deane,	30.00

M. L. Walton,	\$ 14.70
Ralph Walton,	38.75
Douglass Bros.	82.50
Linwood Tucker,	40.00
John Tucker,	156.00
W. A. Cox,	60.00
Averill & Cox,	136.50
O. P. Averill,	75.00
Lester Averill,	35.00
W. O. Paine,	7.50
O. Hathaway,	25.00
Earle Butterfield,	8.25
C. H. Gile,	17.00
O. J. Coolidge,	45.00
Edward Williams,	79.50
E. E. Buiber & Co., plank	29.20
C. L. Emery,	3.00
J. M. Steele,	15.00
G. H. Swan,	24.00
C. L. Averill,	108.00
Laforest Babcock	68.75
Harry Coolidge	172.00
C. R. McCloud	9.00
B. D. Coolidge,	12.00
Lamont Philbrick,	35.38
A. Whitman,	8.00
W. E. Towle,	1.00
Geo. I. Fletcher,	9.68
J. S. Adams,	156.00
Harlon Childs,	1.50
E. E. Holman,	3.50
L. M. Masterman,	5.06
Myron Holman,	102.00
Peter Charland,	6.50
Harlon Childs,	9.00
E. B. Fuller,	15.00

Roland Grover,	\$ 4.50
W. F. Drown & Son,	7.00
Harry Coolidge,	52.00
Laforest Babcock,	17.50
O. T. Averill,	21.00
W. A. Cox,	21.00
Lester Averill,	18.00
Warren Whittemore,	5.00
S. G. Wheelwright,	15.00
Leslie Simmons,	5.40
A. D. Wentworth,	115.00
C. L. Averill,	12.00
Averill & Cox,	52.00
Geo. E. May,	9.75
Chas. Matthews,	9.00
J. S. Adams,	48.75
A. D. McIntire,	19.50
K. K. Brackett,	3.25
D. W. Harvey,	29.25
Thomas Gorden,	6.50
J. M. Steele,	61.25
Frank Brown,	53.50
Geo. E. May,	10.40
A. C. Weld,	3.00
E. G. Porter,	13.00
Richard Towle,	6.66
Carroll Gile,	11.25
W. A. Paul,	39.00
Elmer E. Holt,	7.50
W. F. Drown & Son,	3.93
Nelson Palmer,	3.00
A. Whitman,	33.15
John E. Holman,	44.00
C. H. Holman,	45.38
Clyde Wright,	18.00
H. W. Merrill,	17.50

G. H. Towle,	\$ 5.00
Elliott Brown,	5.00
A. R. Coolidge,	19.50
Gates & Brown, plank	18.10
D. D. Holman,	12.75
G. A. Severy,	15.24
Carroll Babb,	12.00
B. F. Thomas,	23.08
D. A. Gates,	15.00
A. L. Coburn, lumber,	44.09
C. H. Holman,	45.38
Clyde Wright,	18.00
H. W. Merrill,	17.50
G. H. Towle,	5.00
Elliott Brown,	5.00
A. R. Coolidge,	19.50
Gates & Brown,	18.10
D. D. Holman,	12.75
G. A. Severy,	15.24
B. F. Thomas,	23.08
Frank Brown,	53.50
D. A. Gates,	15.00
I. E. Chandler,	30.00
J. W. Adams,	13.10
L. N. Masterman,	27.00
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	\$4,838.66
Transferred from Winter Work,	\$913.86
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	\$5,752.52

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION OF \$500.00

The money appropriated to be laid out on highway from Sidney Wheelwright's to Tom Stone bridge has been expended on same.

WINTER WORK FROM FEB. 10, 1922

George Carlton,	\$10.50
M. L. Walton,	18.30
Averill & Cox,	68.82
Jos. Hannaford,	5.25
Herbert Hannaford,	4.05
Herbert Cu _m eil,	12.60
W. C. Hall,	10.70
Alton Coolidge,	3.90
W. O. Paine,	1.65
Erwin Fuller,	20.30
W. T. Chandler,	15.00
John Tucker,	46.60
Linwood Tucker,	10.50
Douglass Bros.,	73.90
Laforest Babcock,	4.00
Averill & Cox,	18.90
Ormsville Averill,	5.40
Lester Averill,	5.40
C. L. Averill,	13.00
Harry Coolidge,	75.00
Frank Holman,	19.35
O. J. Coolidge,	60.00
Edward Williams,	2.70
Carroll Gile,	15.00
C. C. Smith,	36.00
R. E. Walton,	11.25
W. F. Chandler,	9.20
L. M. Eustis,	4.50
B. T. Berry,	9.60
A. Whitman,	57.40
Geo. I. Fletcher,	10.20
Arthur Weld,	2.10
Carl Weld,	1.35
Frank Weld,	3.00
Ellery Porter,	6.65

E. F. Taylor,	\$ 8.80
C. E. Danforth,	2.55
A. C. Weld,	1.25
Lamont Philbrick,	15.00
Fred Holman,	2.70
Hezzie Packard,	2.70
Everett Packard,	2.70
Carl Weld,	3.00
C. H. Holman,	20.50
W. E. Wright,	6.60
W. E. Smith,	8.25
G. H. Swan,	10.46
G. P. Torrey,	5.70
W. C. Porter,	10.85
E. L. Torrey,	5.95
John F. Grover,	9.40
E. E. Holman,	14.95
L. M. Masterman,	5.67
W. F. Drown & Son,	12.10
Elmer E. Holt,	7.50
John E. Holman,	52.26
Chester Coolidge,	12.90
Clyde Paul,	12.95
E. E. Brown,	7.05

\$913.86

ABATEMENTS

Bert Andrews, mistake in name,	\$3.00
Ann J. Austin, Over valuation	5.10
Willis Barley, Over Valuation	5.10
A .E. Blaisdell, poor	7.99
Harold Blaisdell, not of age,	3.00
A. A. Burgess, gone	3.00
Arthur Collins, gone,	3.00
John Clemens, soldier	3.00

Geo. W. Chase, paid in Jay,	\$ 32.40
Perry Cox, not of age,	3.00
Frank Dill, paid in Livermore,	3.00
Alfred Gallant, gone,	3.00
William Gillery, gone,	3.00
Albion & Holman,	3.00
Daniel Hardy, paid in Portland,	3.00
Geo. Larkin, gone,	3.00
F. M. Marshall, over valuation,	10.20
Guy N. Merrill, mistake in name,	3.00
Chester McCloud, error,	3.40
Vergill Mitchell, gone,	7.25
Waldo Newman, paid in Weld,	3.00
Alton Rich, not of age,	3.00
Geo. Rowe, not discharged,	3.00
J. S. Sturtevant, over valuation,	13.60
Lena Taylor, paid in Rumford,	3.40
Clyde S. Wright, paid in Wilton,	3.00
Ralph Whittemore, not of age,	3.00
Addie M. Lovejoy, helped by Town,	27.20
Carroll Marble, error,	37.40

\$207.04

UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS

By balance,	\$9.28
C. A. Wilson, pool room,	10.00
Mrs. W. W. Tainter, victualer's license,	1.00
M. McIntire, victualer's license,	1.00
Chester Elliott, victualer's license,	1.00
R. L. Butler, 4th July license,	1.00
C. H. Towle, 4th July license,	1.00
State R. R. & T. Tax,	23.68
From State Tax on Bank Stock	267.03
Frank Stanley, picture license,	10.00

Supplementary tax,	\$ 34.96	
Overlay,	847.82	
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		\$1,207.77
Transferred to Municipal Officers,	\$69.17	
Trans. to Dixfield and Peru Toll Bridge,	24.70	
Transferred to State Aid Valley Road	67.57	
Transferred to State Aid Maintenance,	357.90	
Transferred to Webb River Bridge,	142.15	
Transferred to Interest on Time Orders	152.94	
Transferred to Roads and Bridges,	2.52	
Transferred to Cabinet Safe,	.30	
Transferred to J. P. Edmunds, Abatements	207.04	
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		\$1,024.29
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Unexpended Balance		\$174.24

BALANCE SHEET

Common Schools,	\$682.16
Books and Supplies,	22.71
Repairs of Schoolhouses,	1.85
Insurance and Lights,	1.60
Superintendence,	3.32
Office Expenses,	.64
Laboratory,	18.04
Sewer Repairs,	246.06
Memorial Day,	35.00
Miscellaneous Town Charges,	44.10
Lights at East Village,	18.32
Cemetery Eustis Fund,	97.13
Rosanna Cummings Fund,	45.00
Greenwood Cemetery,	701.30
Peru Ferry,	31.01
Support of Poor,	327.98
Third Class Highway, Towle Hill,	28.50

John S. Harlow Park,	\$ 83.15	
Luce St.,	98.75	
Unappropriated Funds,	174.24	
	<hr/>	\$2,660.86
Due on J. P. Edmunds, bills 1922,		\$173.40
Balance Cash in Treasury		\$2,487.46

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

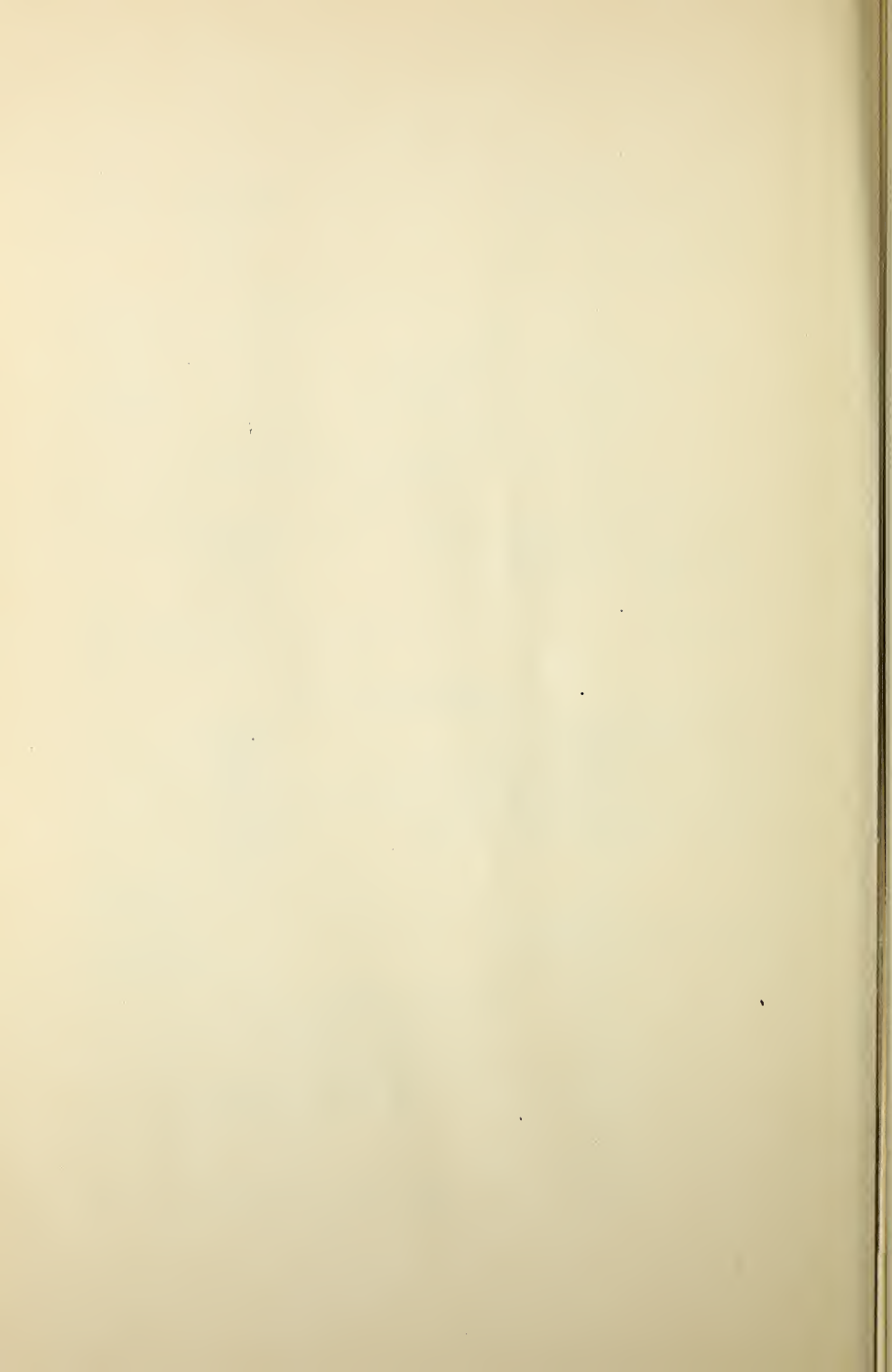
Liabilities

Outstanding Loans,	\$9,840.00	
Cemetery Funds held in trust,	1,650.00	
Snow bills (estimated)	1,700.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,190.00

Resources

Road Machine,	\$75.00	
Mrs. Minnie Morse, cemetery lot,	26.00	
Paint on hand for painting toll bridge,	35.00	
Due on J. P. Edmunds, bills 1922	173.40	
Cash in Treasury, Feb. 14, 1923	2,487.46	
	<hr/>	\$2,796.86
Net amount of liabilities		\$10,393.14

W. W. WAITE,
C. L. DILLINGHAM,
C. L. AVERILL,
Selectmen of Dixfield.



TREASURER'S REPORT

		Dr.
1922		
Feb. 14.	To cash balance	\$2,718.37
	To cash from	
Mar. 13.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	8.00
15.	Estate Helen L. Powers, cemetery fund,	300.00
17.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	11.56
Apr. 4.	Geo. R. Easter, cemetery lot,	30.00
5.	H. W. Coburn, books, and supplies,	11.00
10.	Town of Carthage, tuition, High School,	40.00
14.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1,500.00
14.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	33.00
24.	Town of Peru, tuition, High School,	380.00
28.	V. C. Horne, tuition, High School,	20.00
28.	State Treasurer, State pauper,	67.28
29.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1500.00
May 5.	Mrs. W. W. Tainter, victualer's license,	1.00
5.	Maurice McIntire, victualer's license,	1.00
5.	C. A. Wilson, billiard license,	10.00
13	Interest in part, on Memorial Day fund,	6.00
15.	Willis W. Waite, cabinet safe, parts returned	5.60
19.	Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan,	1,000.00
26.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	13.00
June 1.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	200.00
10.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	500.00
16.	State Treasurer, State pauper,	45.58
22.	Town of Peru, tuition, High School,	270.00
22.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	12.00
23.	Erwin L. Taylor, sewer entering,	25.00
28.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	500.00
28.	V. C. Horne, tuition, High school,	10.00

July	1.	Chester Elliott, victualers' license,	\$ 1.00
	1.	Ralph L. Butler, license to sell fire-works,	1.00
	1.	Chas. H. Towle, license to sell fire-works,	1.00
	10.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	300.00
	14.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	33.00
	15.	Town of Carthage, tuition, High school,	15.00
Aug.	20.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	29.50
	3.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	74.00
	10.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	35.95
	10.	State Treasurer, tax on bank stock,	267.03
	12.	State Treasurer, public library,	30.00
	14.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	40.00
	17.	V. C. Horne, tuition, High school,	30.00
	18.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	48.00
	28.	W. I. Heckman, sewer entering,	25.00
	30.	B. K. Murdock, dog licenses,	128.00
Sept.	7.	Willis W. Waite, grass in Greenwood Cem.	2.00
	11.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	70.35
	19.	Fred H. Childs, sewer entering,	25.00
	21.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	22.00
	29.	E. P. Judkins, sewer entering,	25.00
Oct.	9.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	16.00
	9.	Town of Canton, tuition, common schools,	26.12
	19.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	10.00
	24.	W. E. Howard, cemetery lot,	30.00
	28.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	24.00
	28.	W. E. Tyler, cemetery lot,	25.00
Nov.	6.	Town of Mexico, Webb River bridge,	142.11
	6.	Town of Mexico, Androscoggin R. bridge,	154.86
	10.	State Treasurer, highway dept.	50.00
	15.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	13.00
Dec.	1.	State Treasurer, State School Fund,	2,527.63
	1.	State Treasurer, R. R. and Tel. tax,	23.68
	12.	Athletic Association, Harlow Park,	196.01
	18.	State Treasurer, highway dept.,	700.00
	18.	Town of Peru, tuition, High school,	460.00

Dec.	18.	Frank M. Davis, tuition, High school,	\$ 35.00
	18.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	24.00
	19.	H. H. Skolfield, cemetery lot,	25.00
	25.	Olie E. Paine, Mrs. Carrie Fogg and Geo. W. Barrett, two cemetery lots,	50.00
1923.			
Jan.	1.	State Treasurer, Imp. State Roads,	435.94
	10.	Town of Peru, Androscoggin River bridge	154.86
	11.	W. W. Waite, lumber and wire, Harlow P.	76.64
	13.	State Treasurer, soldiers' pensions,	24.00
	19.	Frank Stanley, picture license,	10.00
	23.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	16.00
	23.	Town of Carthage, tuition, High school,	50.00
	23.	Town of Peru, books and supplies,	24.70
	23.	A. G. Morse, cemetery lot,	30.00
	27.	State Treasurer, damage to dom. animals	235.00
Feb.	1.	Marcella F. Dunsmoor, sewer entering,	25.00
	1.	Town of Mexico, bridge lights,	7.50
	1.	Minnie Morse, cemetery lot, part payment,	4.00
	1.	Mrs. Eva E. Davenport, cemetery lot,	30.00
	2.	Town of Peru, bridge lights,	7.50
	3.	Chas. F. Hames, sewer entering,	25.00
	5.	W. O. Babb, sewer entering,	25.00
	5.	Mt. Sugar Loaf Grange, sewer entering,	25.00
	8.	Errold Ellis, cemetery lot,	25.00
	10.	Lester Witham, tuition, High school,	25.00
	10.	Town of Weld, books and supplies,	8.36
	10.	Town of Carthage, books and supplies,	6.61
	10.	H. W. Coburn, books and supplies,	17.50
	13.	J. R. Macpherson, acct. Addie M. Lovejoy,	132.00
	13.	H. C. Howard, acct. Addie M. Lovejoy,	165.00
	13.	J. P. Edmunds, Tax commitment and Supplementary tax 1922, in part,	28,052.23
Total debits,			<hr/> \$44,591.47

1922.		Cr.
	By paid	
Mar. 17.	Helen L. Powers, fund on int., Book No. 2214	\$300.00
Apr. 1	Julia E. Strout, State pension	9.00
	3 Dorcas Coburn, State pension	9.00
	3. Mary F. Coburn, State pension	15.00
May 13.	Lyman K. Swasey Post, Flags for Mem- orial Day, 1921	6.00
July 1.	Dorcas Coburn, State pension	9.00
	1. Mary F. Coburn, State pension	15.00
	3. Julia E. Strout, State pension	9.00
Aug. 31.	State Treasurer, dog licenses	128.00
Oct. 3.	Mary F. Coburn, State pension	15.00
	3. Julia E. Strout, State pension	9.00
Nov. 1.	County Treasurer, County tax	1,316.32
Dec. 1.	State Treasurer, State tax, 1922	4,516.56
Dec. 5.	Public Library, amount from State	30.00
1923		
Jan. 2.	Mary F. Coburn, State pension	15.00
	2. Julia E. Strout, State pension	9.00
Feb. 13.	Orders cancelled	35,693.13
	14. Cash in Treasury	2,487.46
	Total credits	<hr/> \$44,591.47

VERDURINA LUDDEN,

Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS ACCORDING TO RETURNS
MADE TO THIS OFFICE TO FEB. 14, 1923.

MARRIAGES

1922

Mar. 18.—William B. Austin (Peru) and Shirley E. Gill (Peru).

Apr. 12.—Archie Harold Grose and Leona E. Paine.

May 29.—Robert Earle Munson (Skowhegan) and Theda Mae Holman.

June 17.—John M. Higgins and Mrs. Florence Mae Gilman.

July 11.—Basil F. Hawkins (No. Jay) and Verna Lillian Whittemore.

July 18.—Fred A. Russell (Peru) and Mildred E. Bigelow (Peru).

July 22.—Philip Andrew and Mrs. Annie M. Chase.

July 23.—Joseph E. Arsenault and Bessie Emma Proctor.

Aug. 5.—Claude L. Merrill and Gertrude H. Welch.

Sept. 7.—Hubert Gray (Mexico) and Lizzie Gray (Mexico)

Sept. 16.—Murry Guy (Mexico) and Lula Belle Nutter (Mexico).

Oct. 24.—Percival Daniel Welch and Emma Rose Dumas.

Oct. 25.—Charles H. Mitchell (Lewiston) and Blanche Julia Bishop.

1923

Feb. 3.—Clyde S. Wright and Harriet Farrar.

BIRTHS

1922

- Feb. 13.—To Mr. and Mrs. Elliott M. Brown, daughter.
 Feb. 14.—To Mr. and Mrs. George Watson Brown, son.
 Feb. 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Hawkes, daughter.
 Mar. 11.—To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Bryant, daughter.
 Mar. 29.—To Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Child, son.
 Apr. 4.—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Whittemore, son.
 Apr. 8.—To Mr. and Mrs. Leon E. McIntire, son.
 Apr. 18.—To Mr. and Mrs. Allen D. Hawthorne, daughter.
 Apr. 21.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll Marble, daughter.
 Apr. 22.—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Dill, son.
 Apr. 30.—To Mr. and Mrs. Laurence E. Bordeau, daughter.
 May 5.—To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac R. Easter, son.
 May 16.—To Mr. and Mrs. Leforest O. Collins, son.
 May 19.—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Holman, son.
 June 1.—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry E. Coolidge, daughter.
 June 1.—To Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Gagnon, son.
 June 10.—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davenport, daughter.
 June 12.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Therriault, daughter.
 June 21.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Whittemore, son.
 June 25.—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Andrews, son.
 July 24.—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Collins, son.
 Aug. 8.—To Mr. and Mrs. Archie H. Grose, son.
 Aug. 11.—To Mr. and Mrs. John S. Maker, son.
 Aug. 12.—To Mr. and Mrs. Warren A. Cox, son.
 Aug. 15.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawton Hutchinson, daughter.
 Aug. 21.—To Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Merrill, son.
 Aug. 25.—To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Mayhew, son.
 Sept. 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cotes, daughter.
 Oct. 9.—To Mr. and Mrs. Erroll Ellis, daughter.
 Oct. 18.—To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mason Eustis, son.
 Oct. 30.—To Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Hall, daughter.
 Nov. 26.—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Emery, daughter.
 Nov. 30.—To Mr. and Mrs. Elwin N. Woodman, son.

- Dec. 11.—To Mr. and Mrs. Erwin R. Fuller, son.
 Dec. 15.—To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Welch, daughter.

1923

- Jan. 16.—To Inza E. Russell, daughter.
 Jan. 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Knapp, daughter.
 Feb. 4.—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Burgess, son.

DEATHS

1921

- July 7.—Calvin M. Morse, age 31 yrs. 11 mos. 10 days.

1922

- Feb. 24.—Margie E. Bennett, age 47 yrs. 10 mos. 27 days.
 Feb. 27.—Dorothy Isabelle Batchelder, age 1 yr. 5 mos. 2 days.
 Mar. 7.—Daniel O. Bennett, age 69 yrs. 1 mo. 3 days.
 Mar. 20.—George Easter, age 21 yrs. 3 mos. 3 days.
 Mar. 24.—Charles L. Hodsdon, age 71 yrs. 5 days.
 Apr. 4.—Walter I. Newton, age 39 yrs. 6 mos. 19 days.
 Apr. 26.—Melvina Butterfield, age 87 yrs. 8 mos. 22 days.
 June 7.—George S. Wing, age 71 yrs. 1 mo. 10 days.
 June 13.—Infant Therriault, age 36 hrs.
 Aug. 3.—Hannibal H. Babb, age 66 yrs. 1 mo. 27 days.
 Aug. 10.—Emma J. Thayer, age 69 yrs. 8 mo. 8 days.
 Sept. 11.—Sarah Emeline Porter, age 66 yrs. 5 mos. 11 days.
 Sept. 22.—Caliste R. Waite, age 76 yrs. 3 mos. 25 days.
 Dec. 18.—James G. Fogg, age 72 yrs. 8 mos. 23 days.
 Dec. 25.—Elmer Floyd Mayhew Jr., age, 4 mos.

1923

- Jan. 30.—Church Pratt, age, 79 yrs. 10 mos. 10 days.

DOGS LICENSED BY CLERK AFTER APRIL 1, 1922

62 males

9 females

21 sp'd females

Killed or otherwise disposed of, 1 male, 1 female.

MELISSA L. BRACKETT,

Town Clerk.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Dixfield, February 13, 1923.

To the Voters and Taxpayers of the Town of Dixfield:

The Budget Committee after due deliberation make the following recommendations for the ensuing year:

	Recommendations for 1923	Sums raised last year
Misc. Town Charges,	\$200.00	\$250.00
Support of Poor,		400.00
Int. Time Orders	600.00	475.00
Toll Bridge,	300.00	
Maintenance,	450.00	
Luce Street,		400.00
3rd Class Highway,		
State Aid Road,	533.00	533.00
Peru Ferry,	200.00	225.00
Dixfield Fire Co.,	100.00	
Memorial Day,	50.00	100.00
Library,	300.00	300.00
Hydrant Rental,	315.00	300.00
Municipal Officers,	1,200.00	1,000.00
Time Order,	1,000.00	1,000.00
Road E. Dixfield,		500.00
Street Lights, E. Dixfield,	110.00	85.00
Roads and Bridges, Summer,	3,600.00	5,500.00
Roads and Briges, Winter,	3,000.00	
Int. Cemetery Funds,	66.00	66.00
Common Schools,	5,700.00	5,500.00

High School,	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,600.00
Books and Supplies,	600.00	600.00
Repairs,	750.00	400.00
Superintendence,	480.00	480.00
Office Expense,	40.00	65.00
Laboratory,	75.00	50.00
Library,	100.00	90.00
Insurance and Lights,	150.00	275.00
Flags,	10.00	10.97
Permanent School Fund,	45.00	45.00
Safe,		260.00

In the first column you will notice our Recommendations for Appropriations for 1923 at the Annual Meeting, in the second column the sums raised at the Annual Meeting last year.

Last year in the Toll Bridge and Maintenance accounts the money expended was paid out of the Road Account or Unappropriated Funds, and this year we thought best to raise some definite sum for each account.

Much more money is needed on Roads and Bridges than was raised last year, of course, on account of very unfavorable weather conditions both during the last summer and this winter. It has been suggested and there is an article in the Warrant to raise separate sums for Summer and Winter work. Therefore, there are two accounts in the list with the sums recommended to be raised.

The committee made no recommendations as to raising money to use on our streets in Dixfield village, but feel that this should be thoroughly discussed in the Annual Meeting.

The recommendations for the various school accounts have been taken without any change from the figures submitted by the School Board and the increase in the proposed appropriations are covered in the Reports of the School Officers.

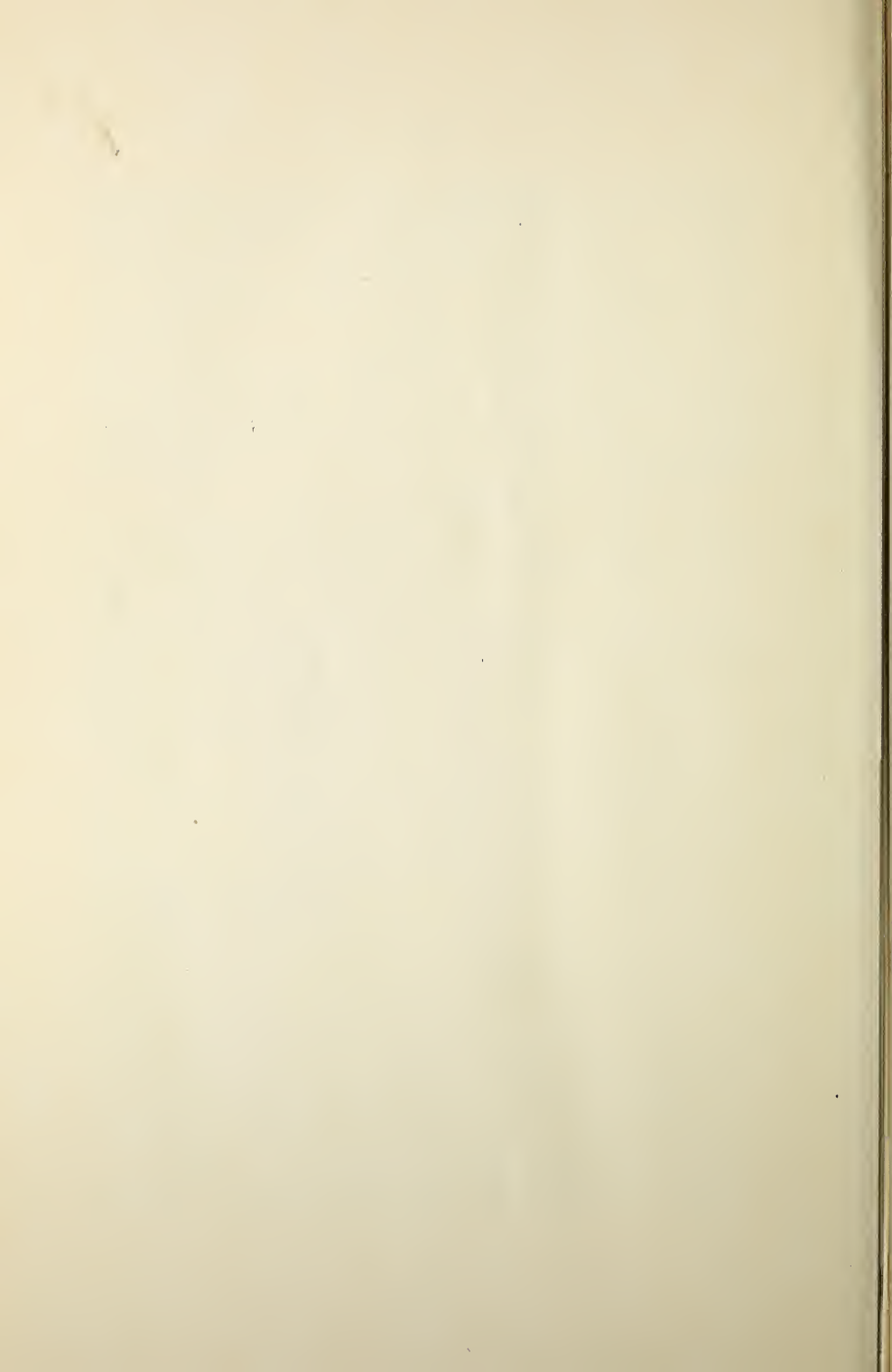
It appears, according to the figures set down in the foregoing columns, to be necessary to raise \$1464.03 more than the Town raised last year. We wish, however, to call at-

tention to the fact that last year on account of the depression in all lines of business and the resulting scarcity of money available for any purpose the Budget Committee pared their estimates to the lowest possible point, so that under normal conditions the town's money would have had to have been very judiciously expended to cover the needs for which it was raised. Taking into consideration the handicap under which the Selectmen have had to work for the past year, especially on account of an entire season unfavorable and expensive as to the roads, the increase in the appropriations is not surprising.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. STETSON,
D. A. GATES,
VERDURINA LUDDEN,
W. W. WAITE,
C. L. DILLINGHAM,
C. L. AVERILL,
S. G. WHEELWRIGHT,
ALTON BROWN,
N. S. STOWELL,
D. W. HARVEY,
H. W. COBURN,
A. N. STOWELL,

Budget Committee.



Report of School Committee

The school work and its results during 1922 are treated very fully in the reports of the Superintendent and Principal of our High School. We feel that it is unnecessary to go over this part in detail, but wish to say that we consider that school affairs as a whole, perhaps were never in a more satisfactory condition.

A decided improvement in the general standing and morale of the High School is evident, and the pupils seem to be realizing more and more the value of the opportunity that is being furnished them, and are showing it by their closer attention to school work of all kinds. For this result we extend to our Principal and his able assistants our hearty appreciation. We feel that the grades are maintaining a high standard and that the policy of securing first class teachers is justifying itself by the results secured.

During the year, it became necessary to open the Towle school which has been closed for some years. This increased the rural schools to four, and, of course, made a marked increase in the expense.

We have two rural school houses, which, according to state law, must be put in improved sanitary conditions by 1924. We have added to our repair recommendation \$400.00 for this purpose. This will make the necessary changes in one of them, and the other one will have to be done before the school opens in the fall of 1924.

The school budget as recommended by the committee amounts to about \$840.00 more than last year, and is caused largely by the item mentioned above, and the extra teacher.

Every effort has been made to make every dollar count,

and we feel that Dixfield is getting value received for the money spent. We thank the Budget Committee, and the voters for the support given to us, and to the other school authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. HARVEY,
A. N. STOWELL,
E. L. STETSON,

Committee.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools, H. W. Coburn:

I take pleasure in submitting to you my second annual report of Dixfield High School. I believe that we have progressed, in the past year, toward the goal set by the standard class A high school. The students have shown a steady improvement, not only in study, but in acquiring confidence and initiative, two of the requisites of any high school graduate. In order to raise the standard, in scholarship, we increased the passing mark from 60% to 70%. This has resulted in a greatly increased effort on the part of the students.

Last year I stated, in my report, that we were endeavoring to get Dixfield High School placed on the approved list of the New England Board of Education. I am pleased to inform you that this has been done and we now have two students attending Bates College, one of the colleges on the New England Board of Education. Everything possible should be done by the citizens of Dixfield to encourage these boys to make a creditable record in college, as their success means Dixfield High School's success, as a class A approved school.

Every High School should have, in order to do creditable work, a good school library. We have a good number of books and are steadily adding to this number but the room in which these books are kept, is not satisfactory. We need a room to which students may go for reference work without fear of interruption from outside sources. There is such a room in our building and if the citizens of Dixfield could see fit to appropriate sufficient money for finishing this room the success of our High School would be increased considerably.

The High School Debating Team has been working faithfully for the past two months on the question of whether or not it is advisable for this country to adopt compulsory arbitration in railroad and coal mine disputes. We plan to debate Canton and Buckfield High Schools on March ninth. We hope the citizens of this community will show their interest by attending this debate.

Plans are under way for an interesting Track program in the spring. We have made arrangements to hold a dual meet with Mexico High School and also one with Leavitt Institute. Baseball, of course, is the major sport in the spring and a schedule of fourteen games is nearly completed. During the winter months our physical work consists of free arm exercises and Indian club swinging. This occupies fifteen minutes of each day's program.

Thus far during the year there have been ten incidents of students leaving school. These boys and girls have left for various reasons, but in no case has it been due to any fault in the School system. Some have left because they were not sufficiently prepared to do High School work. Others have left because they were not interested enough to stay, while two have left because they preferred to work. I believe mothers and fathers should endeavor to keep their boys and girls in school until it becomes absolutely necessary to take them out. In this respect the parents may render a great service to the School. Often times a boy or girl gets tired of going to school and expresses the desire to leave and go to work. There being no objection from the parents the child does so and then regrets it in after years.

The percentage of attendance for the fall term was 92% as against 89% for the same term last year. The number of instances of tardiness have been comparatively few considering the severe winter which we have thus far had.

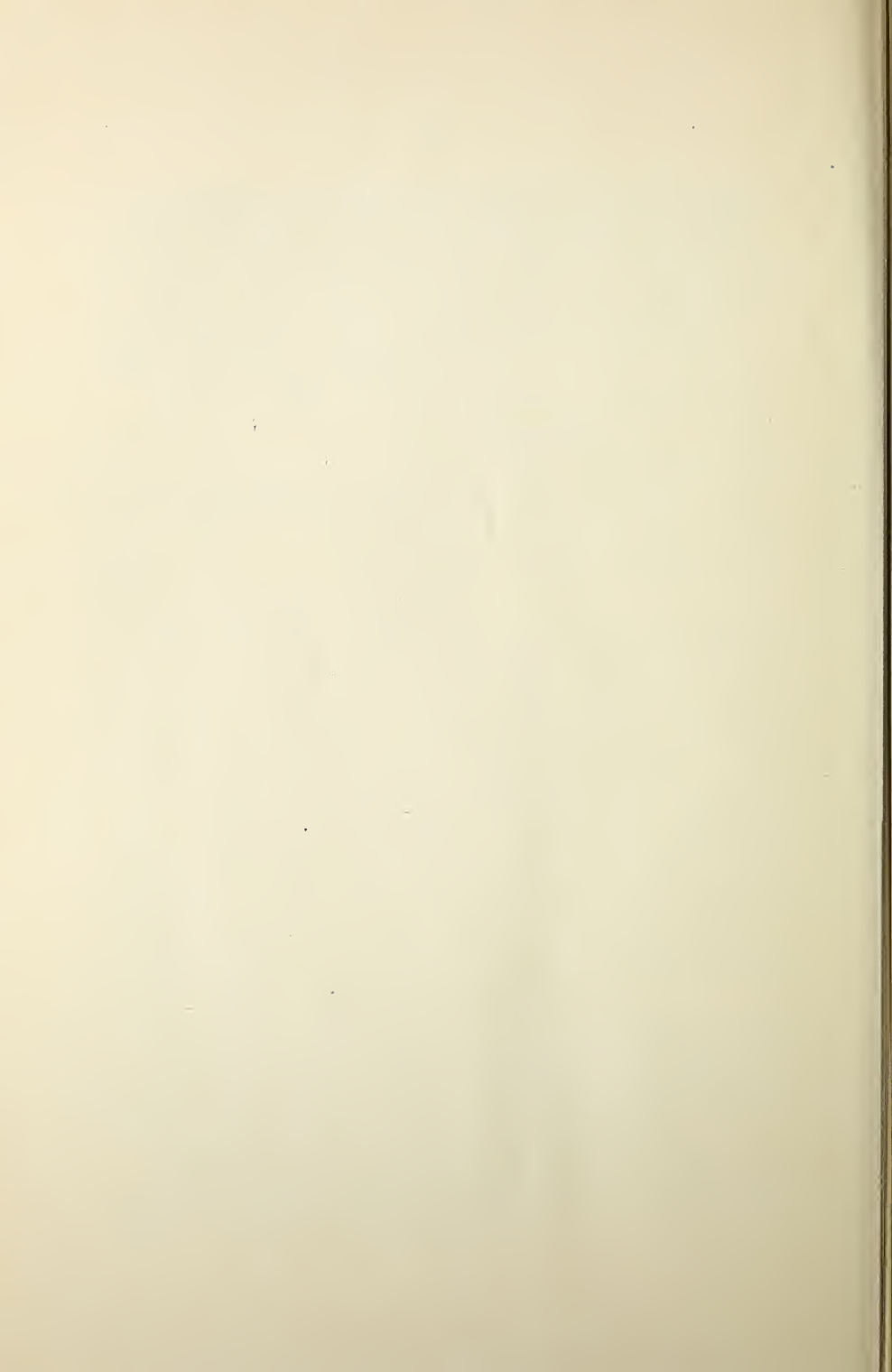
Realizing the need of social life among boys and girls we have been holding a series of monthly socials throughout the year, in the school building, and these have proved satisfac-

tory in every way. Each month one class is appointed as a committee to make arrangements for the next social. Each student is permitted to invite one guest and an admission of twenty cents is charged everybody. This fund pays for the refreshments and any surplus goes into the class treasury.

In closing I wish to express my appreciation of my two assistants, Miss Muriel DeBeck and Miss Genesta Beal. They are both teachers of experience and are highly capable.

Respectfully,

R. U. FOWLER, Prin.



Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Dixfield:

I have the honor to present for your consideration the annual report of the condition and progress of your schools.

There was no change in the teaching staff for the winter and spring terms, 1922, and the school year closed on June 9, with a good record of attendance and improvement.

There were registered during the year 190 elementary and 84 secondary school pupils, with an aggregate attendance of 40,663 days. This includes 3,443.5 days present of out-of-town pupils in High School.

The opening of the fall term found only four teachers back in their old positions, Mr. Fowler and Miss Beal in the High School, Miss Russell in the Primary room and Mrs. Cameron at the Paul. For the Latin and French position in the High School, Miss Anna Keating of Camden was secured. She, however, resigned at the end of the fall term, and the vacancy has been filled by Miss M. Muriel DeBeck of Franklin, a graduate of U. of M. who has had several years' experience in High School work and is a thoroughly competent teacher in every way.

Miss Harriet T. Moody and Miss Dorothy Buck are the other new comers in the Central building, Miss Chaney who has taught the 5th and 6th grades for the past three years so successfully, having been transferred to the 3rd and 4th grade room.

Our grade teachers are all Normal School graduates with several years' experience, and the progress being made all along the line shows the wisdom of employing instructors of their qualifications. The registration in these four rooms is 136, three more than reported last year. There are 23 in the

8th grade, all of whom are planning to enter High School next fall provided the year's work is completed satisfactorily.

We have three new teachers in the rural schools, Miss Reta Brown at the Common, Miss Cora Bisbee at the Towle and Miss Lucille Harris at Severy Hill. Miss Brown and Miss Bisbee have attended Summer school and have had teaching experience. Miss Harris, who is teaching for the first time, has had one year at Normal school and one year at Simmons College. These schools, together with the Paul school, are in charge of capable teachers and are doing creditable work.

We are maintaining one more school than usual, it becoming necessary to reopen the Towle school in order to obviate a great expense in transportation. There are 11 pupils registered, four of them coming from the Stickney Corner district in the Town of Carthage. In all probability this school will be kept open for an indefinite period as there are quite a number of young children in the neighborhood.

HIGH SCHOOL

It is very gratifying to be able to report an increased efficiency in High School work. The students are doing more home study than ever before, and this has made itself manifest in the scholarship records. Every student who wishes to get the most value out of his secondary school course must average at least two hours of study at home every school day. If this program were faithfully carried out there would be no need of anyone leaving school because "The work is too hard" the expression we so often hear. I am perfectly satisfied that every student entering our High School could finish the course satisfactorily provided the ambition to do so were manifest.

Mr. Fowler, Miss Beal and Miss DeBeck are all teachers of experience and ability, and under their management the school is prospering. Although the enrollment is less than a year ago the prospects are bright for an entering class,

next fall, of 32 or 33, which will bring the registration up to 80 or more again.

ATTENDANCE

The school census taken last April showed 339 persons between the ages of 5 and 21, an increase of 5 over last year and of this number 248 are attending some school or college.

The percentage of attendance is the same as was reported last year, 89.7%, which is a very good average and one that I hope may be maintained. The school with the best record this year is the 3rd and 4th grade room with a mark of 93.66% with the 5th and 6th grade second with 91.94%, closely followed by the Common school with 91.70%.

It is interesting to note that needless absence from the elementary schools in Dixfield is a rarity and seldom occurs unless there is sickness. This is direct evidence of the interest taken by both pupil and parent in school work.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

The principal item of expense this year at the Central building has been new students' desks and curtains for the new High School room. New grates have just been installed in the boiler, and double windows have been put on the office windows. These will have to be paid for out of the next appropriation. We need very much a different arrangement for ringing the various bells in the building. These in use now are out of repair very often, and are the cause of much expense that could be avoided by the installation of a suitable bell ringing transformer, connected up with the electric light system. Outside of this there should not be need of any outlay other than the regular upkeep.

At the Common considerable very necessary work has been done. The toilet and woodshed have been connected with the main building and the passage ways properly roofed in, so that the snow and rain are kept out of the walks and the school room is kept warm much more easily. The Towle building has been shingled and other minor repairs made so

that it might be suitable for occupancy. At the other buildings only ordinary repairs have been made. We have two school houses, the Towle and Paul, which according to the laws of the State, must be equipped with sanitary toilets before the fall of 1924. Neither of these buildings have suitable wood room and it seems as though it would be the wisest plan to build a combined wood shed and toilet, connected with the school room. One of the buildings must be equipped this year and a sum sufficient to cover the expense is included in the estimates.

The schools are fairly well supplied with textbooks and wall maps. During the year some new texts have been introduced, General Science and second year English in the High School, and new Histories in the 7th grade. New first year English and second year Latin Composition in the High School, Histories for the 8th grade and Arithmetics for the 4th and 6th grades, also additional reading material for the 8th grade will be needed this year.

I am very glad to report the acquisition of an up-to-date Visual Education Equipment at the Central School. This outfit consists of the following: 600 stereoscopic views, 600 lantern slides to correspond, 200 slides especially for the Primary grades, oak cabinets with files for the stereographs and slides, 20 stereoscopes, stereopticon, and two screens. This is a very valuable addition to the school equipment and is working out to great advantage. The views are used for study and the slides for review, giving the pupil a much better conception of the subject being studied than could be obtained in any other way except by actual visitation and observance. Dixfield is the smallest Town in the State to possess an outfit for Visual Education so complete as this and is surely deserving of congratulation; and to one of its worthy and generous citizens, Mrs. Mary E. Johnston, who so kindly gave \$500.00 toward the purchase of this equipment, the thanks of the school officials, teachers and pupils are hereby given. The rest of the price including express, \$142.70, was

made up by the High School and the different grade rooms. The plan now is to work for more funds so that each room may be furnished with a screen, in order to save the bother of changing a screen from room to room when the lantern is to be used.

FINANCES

The total receipts of the school department during the year have been \$15,784.69 and the expenditures \$15,054.37, leaving a balance of \$730.32 on hand with no accounts overdrawn. Our expenses have been \$546.60 less than last year, the result of a decrease in the cost of transportation and board of pupils, also in the cost of repairs. The High School expense has increased as was foreseen last year. Expenditures in both common and High School accounts are nearly at the maximum point which will be reached during the next few years, and in all probability the voters will not be asked to raise more than the present estimates until the extra room is finished off in the Central Building and a fourth teacher is employed for the High School.

The estimates as set forth in the Budget Committee's report have been very carefully considered. They amount to more than last year, but the School Committee and myself feel that it would not be policy to start the new fiscal year with any less figures. To do so would be to retract the program already adopted of employing trained and experienced teachers, and would result in lowering the standard of efficiency which is in force at the present time.

In closing I wish to express to the Committee my appreciation for the assistance given in the management of all school affairs, and to the citizens of the Town for their evident interest in the public schools. I also wish to thank the teachers for their ready co-operation in the administration of school affairs and for the faithful work they are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. COBURN, Superintendent.

COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Balance, 1921-22,	\$1,018.89	
- Appropriation,	5,500.00	
From State School Fund,	1,813.09	
Permanent fund,	45.00	
Town of Canton, tuition	26.12	
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		\$8,403.10

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries,	\$5,732.00	
Fuel,	563.97	
Board of pupils,	66.50	
Janitor work,	633.47	
Transportation,	755.00	
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		\$7,720.94

Balance	\$682.16
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HIGH SCHOOL

Receipts

Balance, 1921-1922,	\$ 224.40	
Appropriation,	2,600.00	
Tuition, Town of Peru,	1,110.00	
Town of Carthage,	105.00	
V. C. Horne,	60.00	
Frank Davis,	35.00	
Lester Witham,	25.00	
From State School Fund,	694.15	
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		\$4,853.55

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries,	\$4,244.80	
Fuel,	274.47	
Janitor,	334.28	
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		\$4,853.55

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Receipts

Balance, 1921-1922,	\$ 2.47
Appropriation,	600.00
Sale of supplies,	213.73

 \$816.20

Expenditures

Common schools,	\$440.11
High school,	353.38

 \$793.49

Balance,

 \$22.71

REPAIRS

Receipts

Balance, 1921-1922,	\$150.87
Appropriation,	400.00

 \$550.87

Expenditures

Repairs at Central,	\$273.78
Common,	194.73
Paul,	25.85
Towle,	42.23
Severy Hill,	12.43

 \$549.02

Balance,

 \$1.85

INSURANCE AND LIGHTS

Receipts

Balance, 1921-22,	\$ 19.90
Appropriation,	275.00

 \$294.90

Expenditures

Insurance,	\$248.25	
Lights,	45.05	
	<hr/>	\$293.30
Balance,		<hr/> \$1.60

SUPERINTENDENCE

Receipts

Balance, 1921-22,	\$ 53.32	
Appropriation,	480.00	
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Expenditures

H. W. Coburn, salary,	\$480.00	
equalization fund,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$530.00
Balance,		<hr/> \$3.32

OFFICE EXPENSE

Receipts

Balance, 1921 -22,	\$1.93	
Appropriation,	65.00	
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Expenditures

Rent of Farmers Telephone,	\$ 4.00	
Supplies for Neostyle,	15.45	
Two stamps,	1.53	
Postage, stationery, telephone, etc.,	45.31	
	<hr/>	\$66.29
Balance,		<hr/> \$.64

LABORATORY

Receipts

Balance, 1921-22,	\$52.90
Appropriation,	50.00

 \$102.90

Expenditures,	84.86
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 \$18.04

LIBRARY

Receipts

Balance, 1921-22,	\$41.56
Appropriation,	90.00
From State School Fund,	20.39

 \$151.95

Expenditures,	\$151.95
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FLAGS

Appropriation,	\$10.97
Flag for Central Building,	10.97

STATE SCHOOL FUND

Received from State,	\$2,527.63
Transferred to Common school acct.	\$1,813.09
High school,	694.15
Library,	20.39

 \$2,527.63

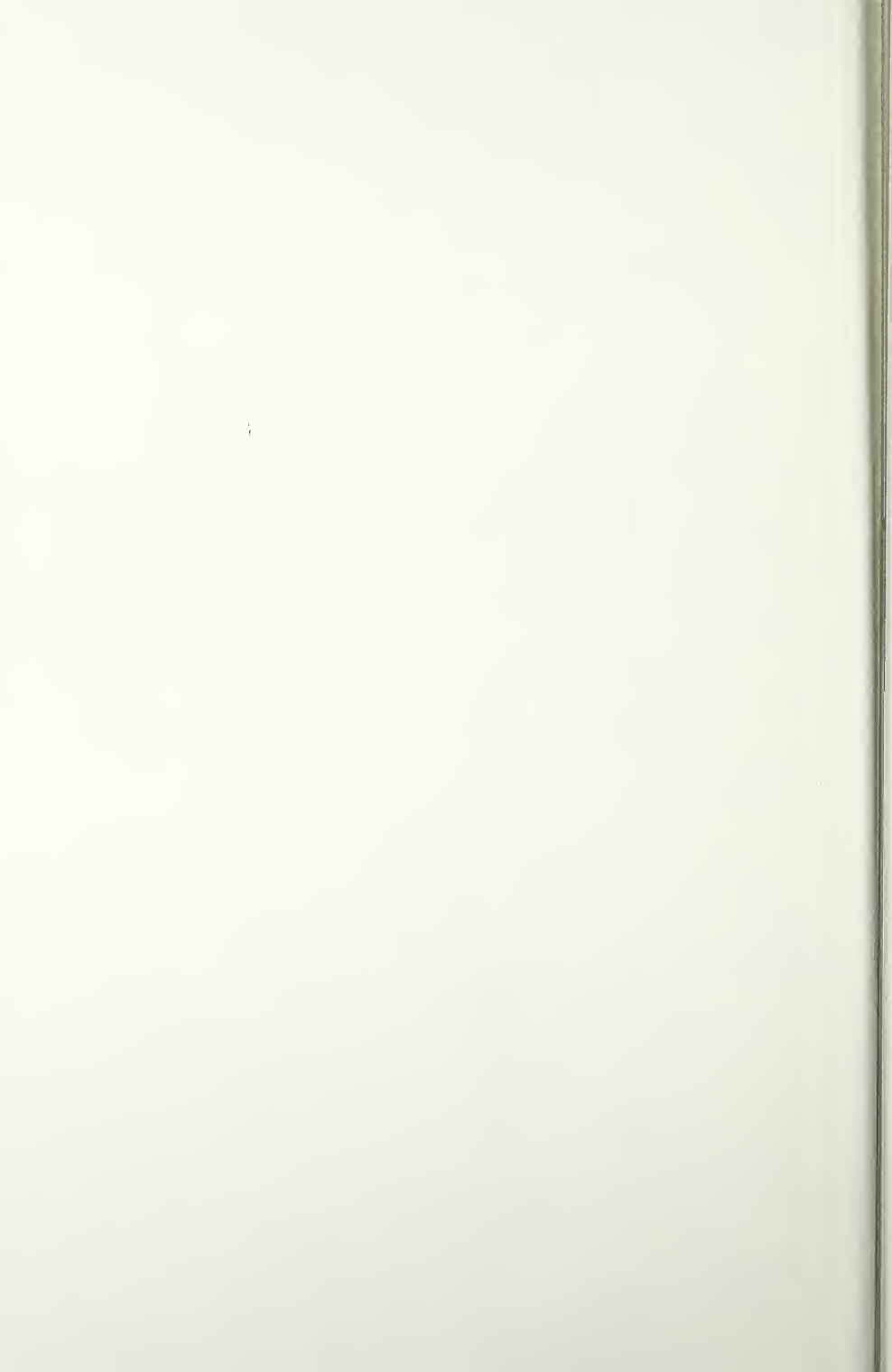
Total receipts for year,	\$15,784.69
Total expenditures,	15,054.37

 Balance forward, \$730.32

TEACHERS' DIRECTORY

Winter and Spring	SALARY	POSITION	ADDRESS	
R. U. Fowler	\$2,000 00	Prin. H. S.	Dixfield	Bates
Carrie Gile	1,100 00	Ass't H. S.	Alfred	Colby, 2 years
Genesta S. Beal	1,080 00	Ass't H. S.	Jonesport	Machias Normal, U. of M Summer Schools
Wilma S. Bryant	828 00	Grades 7 and 8	Buckfield	Farmington Normal
Ruth F. Chaney	864 00	Grades 5 and 6	East Wilton	Farmington Normal
Mildred Kempton	828 00	Grades 3 and 4	Phillips	Farmington Normal
Mary E. Russell	900 00	Grades 1 and 2	Weld	Farmington Normal
Effie Cameron	648 00	Paul	Dixfield	Farmington Normal
Janice Wilkins	720 00	Center	Farmington	Farmington Normal
Charlotte Beane	576 00	Severy Hill	Skowhegan	Skowhegan High, Farmington Summer School
Average salary, \$766.28				
Fall				
R. U. Fowler	\$2,000 00	Prin. H. S.	Dixfield	Bates
Genesta S. Beal	1,150 00	Ass't H. S.	Jonesport	Machias Normal, U. of M. Summer Schools
Anna Keating	1,100 00	Ass't H. S.	Camden	U. of M.
Harriet T. Moody	900 00	Grades 7 and 8	Winterport	Castine Normal
Dorothy A. Buck	828 00	Grades 5 and 6	Buckfield	Farmington Normal
Ruth F. Chaney	900 00	Grades 3 and 4	East Wilton	Farmington Normal
Mary E. Russell	900 00	Grades 1 and 2	Weld	Farmington Normal
Effie Cameron	648 00	Paul	Dixfield	Farmington Normal
Reta M. Brown	684 00	Center	Dixfield	Wilton Academy, one term Summer School
Cora Bisbee	576 00	Towle	Dixfield	Dixfield High, one term Summer School
Lucille Harris	648 00	Severy Hill	Rangeley	Farmington Normal 1 yr., Simmons College 1 yr.
Average salary, \$760.50				







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